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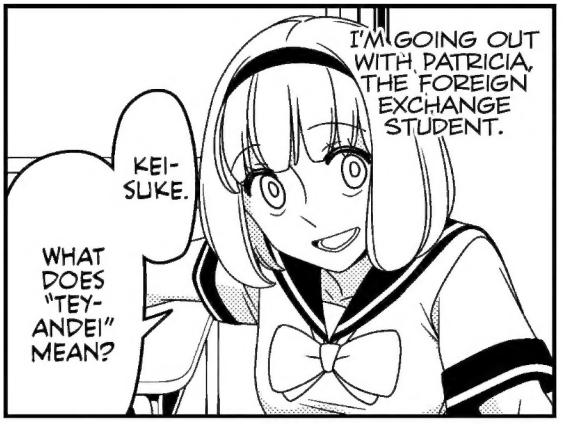
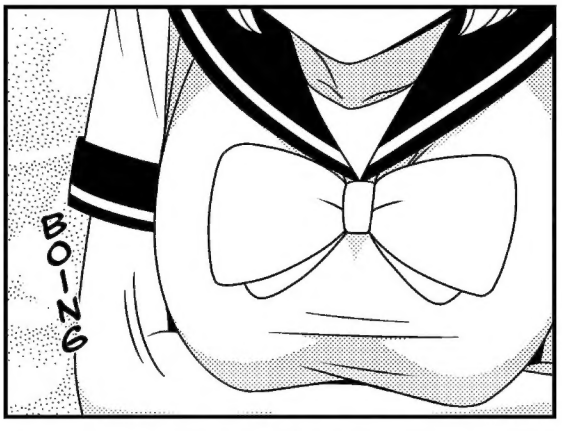
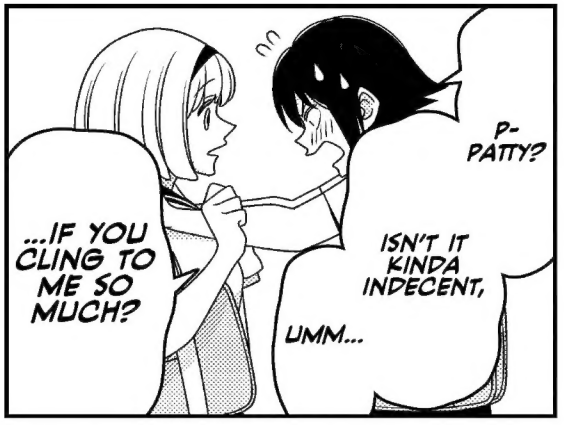

I'M GOING OUT WITH PATRICIA, THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT.
KEI-SUKE.
WHAT DOES "TEY-ANDEI" MEAN?

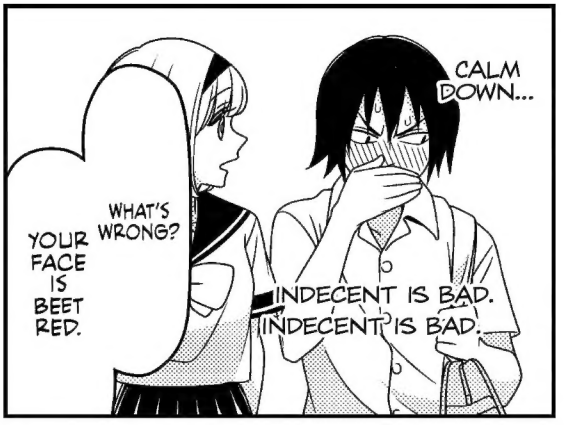
IS IT LIKE EVERY-DAY?
GOOD QUES-TION...
HUH?!
I DOUBT IT.
PATRICIA'S A PRETTY SERIOUS GIRL...
...AND SHE SEEMS TO HATE INDECENT STUFF.

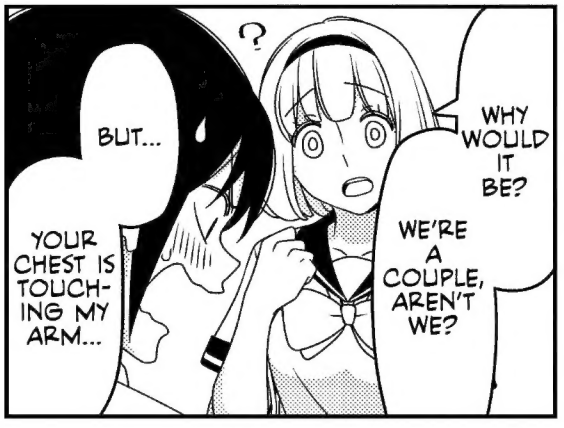

BOING

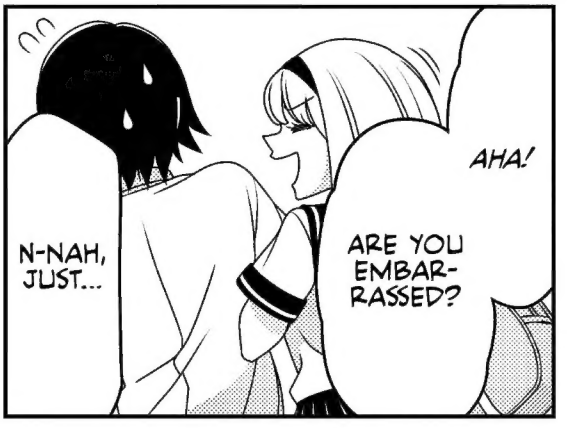
SHE SEEMS TO HATE INDECENT STUFF...

Girlfriend

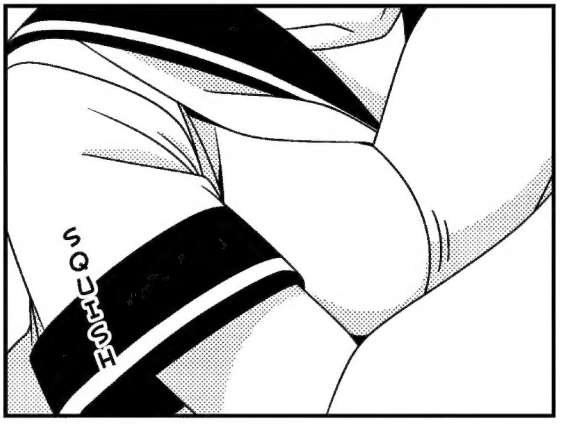

P-PATTY?
ISN'T IT KINDA INDECENT,
UMM...
...IF YOU CLING TO ME SO MUCH?


CALM DOWN...
INDECENT IS BAD. INDECENT IS BAD.
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOUR FACE IS BEET RED.


WHY WOULD IT BE?
WE'RE A COUPLE, AREN'T WE?
BUT...
YOUR CHEST IS TOUCHING MY ARM...


AHA!
ARE YOU EMBARRASSED?
N-NAH, JUST...

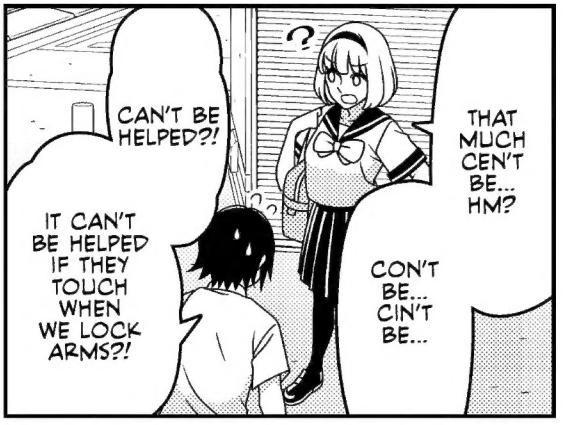
HM?
SO WHAT?


SQUISH

SO WHAT?!

INDECENT, BAD...
INDECENT, BAD!

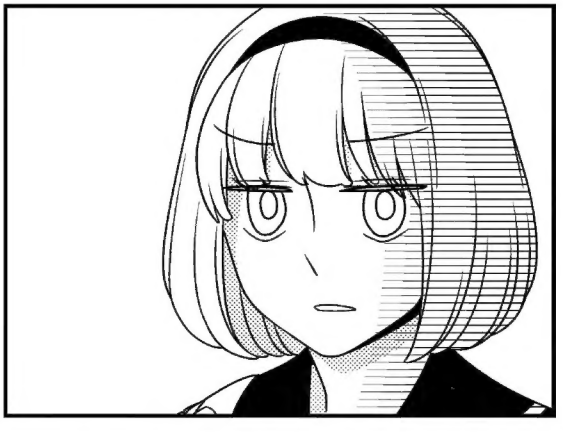
WHAT, KEI-SUKE?
DO YOU WANT TO TOUCH MY BOOBS?
NO, NO!
I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE!

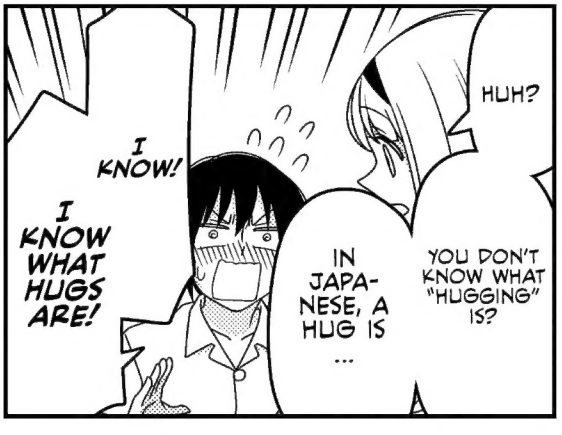

?
THAT MUCH CEN'T BE... HM?
CON'T BE... CIN'T BE...
CAN'T BE HELPED?!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED IF THEY TOUCH WHEN WE LOCK ARMS?!

INTIMACY AND INDECENT THINGS ARE DIF-FERENT!
I GET THAT!
ANY-THING OVER LOCKING ARMS IS...

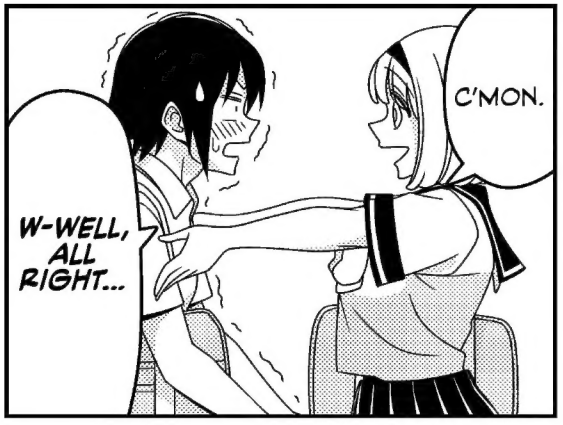
THEN...
LET'S SAY I TOUCH THEM DIRECTLY.
DOES THAT COUNT AS...

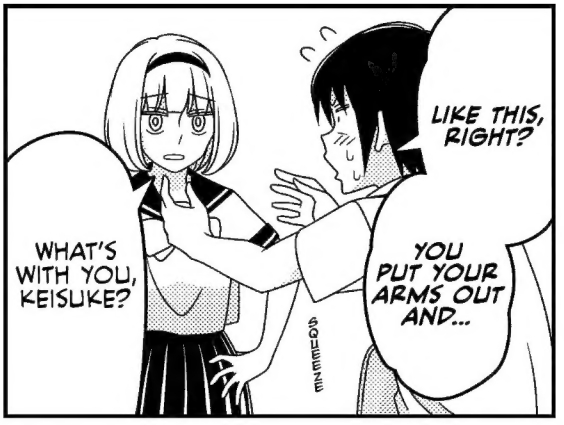
INTIMACY ONLY GOES AS FAR AS *HUGGING!*



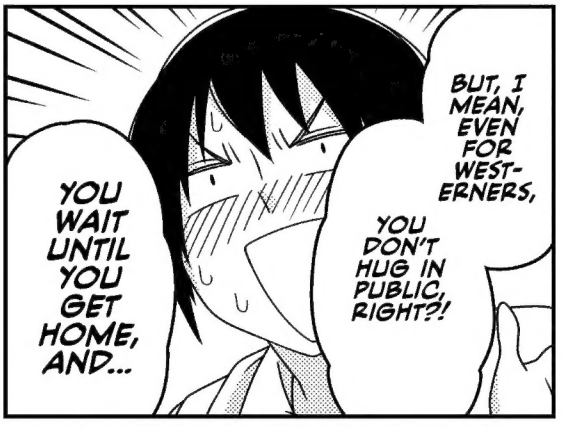

HUH?
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT "HUGGING" IS?
IN JAPA-NESE, A HUG IS ...
I KNOW!
I KNOW WHAT HUGS ARE!

...INDE-CENT, RIGHT?! THOUGHT SO!

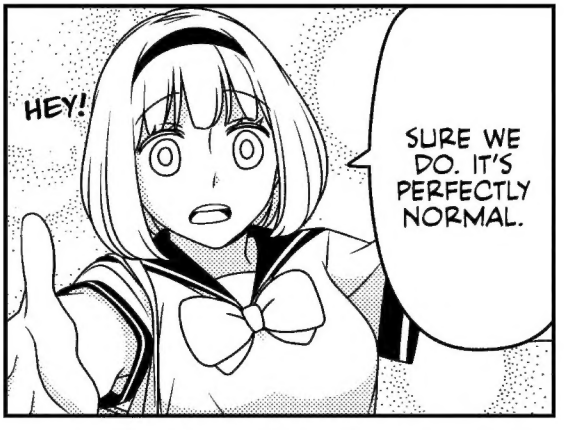

C'MON.
W-WELL, ALL RIGHT...

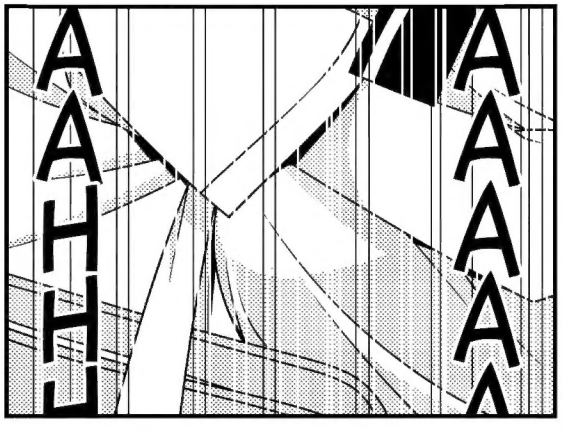

LIKE THIS, RIGHT?
WHAT'S WITH YOU, KEISUKE?
YOU PUT YOUR ARMS OUT AND...

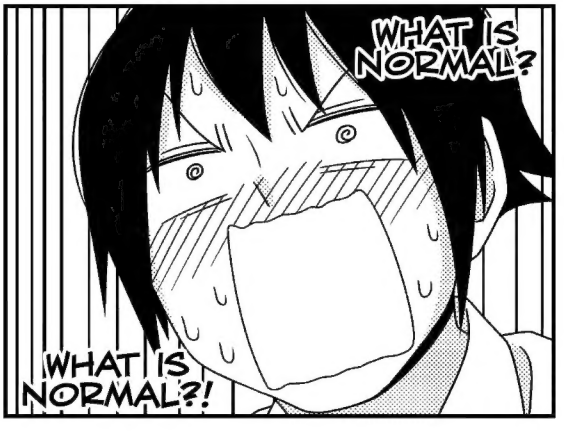
HUG


BUT, I MEAN, EVEN FOR WEST-ERNERS,
YOU DON'T HUG IN PUBLIC, RIGHT?!
YOU WAIT UNTIL YOU GET HOME, AND...

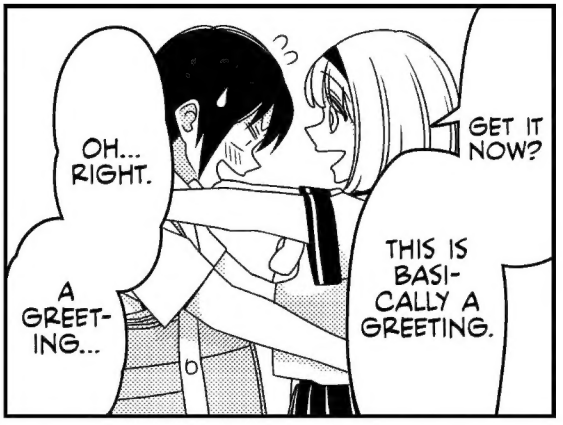
AAAAAA
AAAHHH

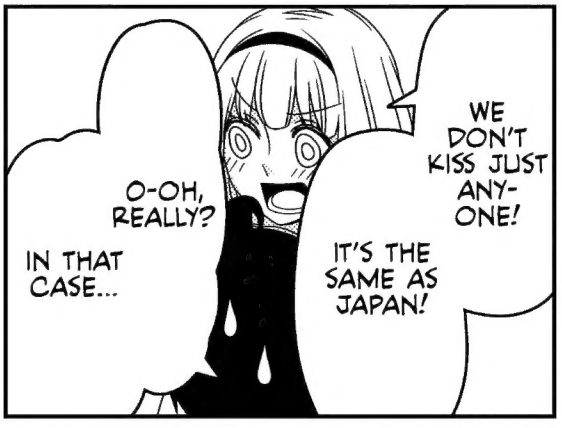

HEY!
SURE WE DO. IT'S PERFECTLY NORMAL.


AAAAAA
AAHH


WHAT IS NORMAL?
WHAT IS NORMAL?!

ER...
I HEARD THAT IT'S NORMAL FOR WESTERNERS TO GREET WITH A KISS.
TH-THAT'S MISINFORMATION!

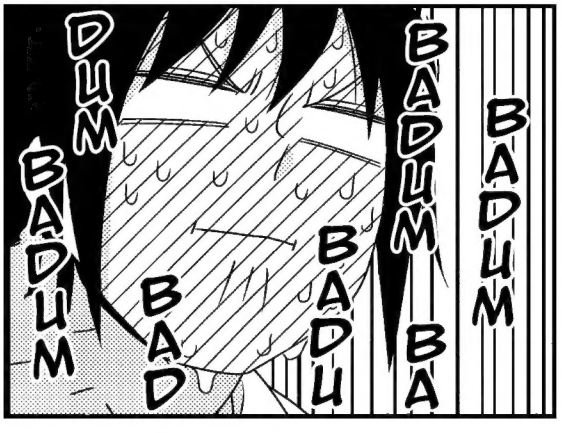

GET IT NOW?
THIS IS BASICALLY A GREETING.
OH... RIGHT.
A GREETING...


WE DON'T KISS JUST ANYONE!
IT'S THE SAME AS JAPAN!
O-OH, REALLY?
IN THAT CASE...

A GREETING?!
THEN, WHAT ABOUT KISSES?!

BUT I GUESS...
... COUPLES MIGHT KISS.

BADUM
HUH?!


BADUM
BADUM
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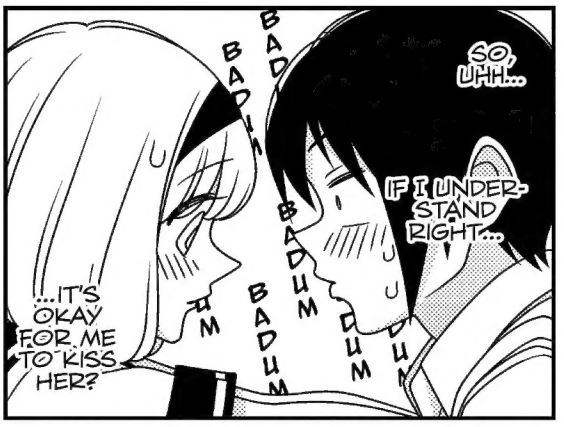
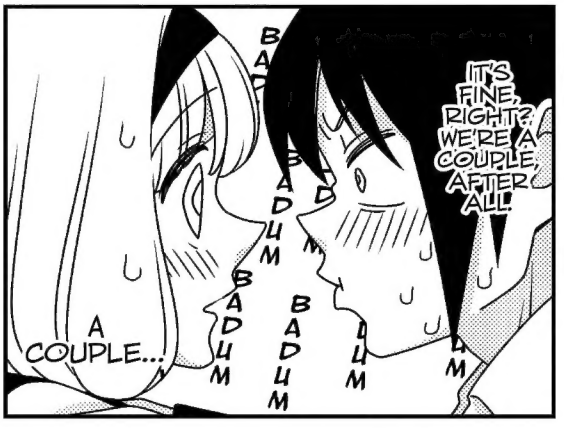
BAD

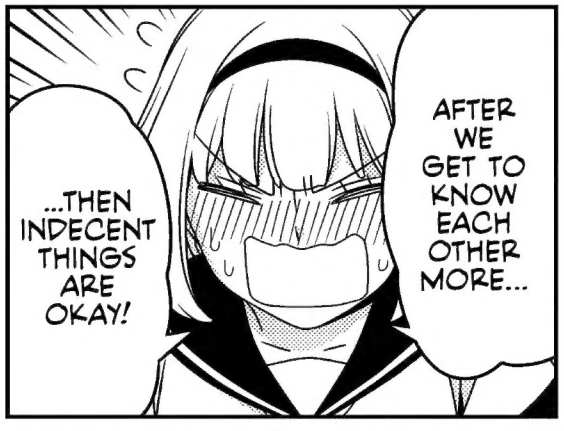
HUH?!
BADUM

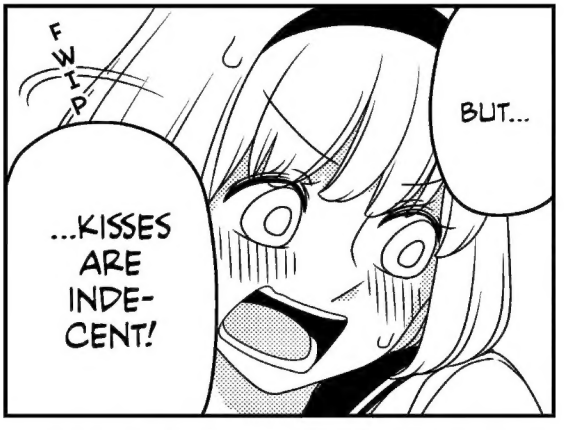
HUH ...?
WHAT DID YOU JUST ...?
KISSES ARE INDECENT!
NO INDECENT THINGS!


SO, UHH...
IF I UNDERSTAND RIGHT...
...IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO KISS HER?
BADUM
DUM

BUT...
WE'RE A COUPLE!
EVEN FOR COUPLES,
KISSING IS STILL INDECENT!


IT'S FINE, RIGHT? WE'RE A COUPLE, AFTER ALL!
A COUPLE...
BADUM
DUM


AFTER WE GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER MORE...
...THEN INDECENT THINGS ARE OKAY!


BUT...
FWIP
...KISSES ARE INDECENT!

WHAT DOES INDECENT MEAN?!
WHAT, I ASK?!
END

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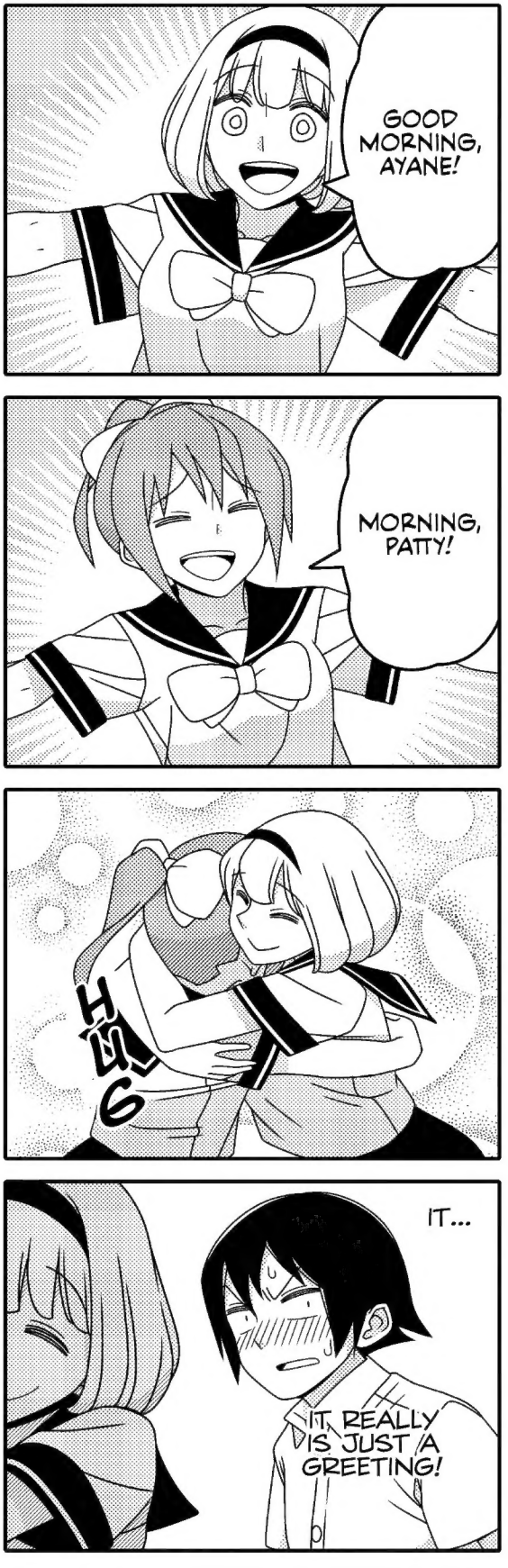

GOOD MORNING, AYANE!
MORNING, PATTY!
HUG
IT...
IT REALLY IS JUST A GREETING!

EVER SINCE WE HUGGED, I FELT LIKE PATRICIA AND I WERE CLOSER...
MORNING, CHII-CHAN!
G-GOOD MORNING!
...BUT IF SHE HUGS EVERYONE, THEN...
WELL, WHAT-EVER.
IT'S JUST HER CULTURE.
GOOD MORNING, CHIAKI!
YO!
THERE'S NO SENSE IN ME GETTING JEALOUS.
MORNING, KANA!
WEEE!
BUT, MAN...
MORNING, TAKERU!
HEY...
I WANT SOME-THING THAT MAKES ME DIFFER-ENT FROM ALL THE OTHER GUYS.
AM I BE-ING TOO HASTY?

Tsure×Dure
CHILDREN

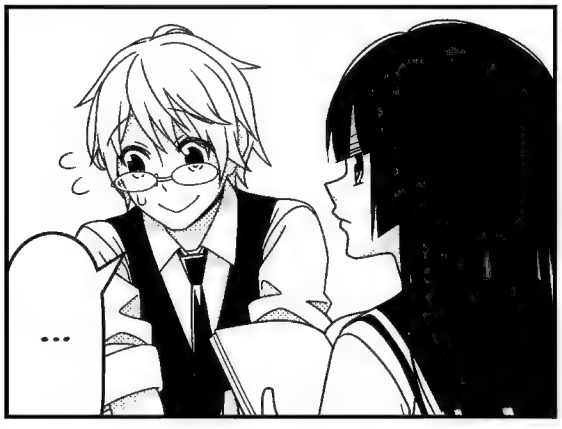
I Have a Question for You

ABOUT TODAY'S LESSON...
AAH, THIS PART, HUH?
HERE, THE INFINI-TIVE IS...

TO BE HONEST,
MY ENGLISH GRADES ARE GOOD.
EXCUSE ME.

I SEE...
I UNDER-STAND NOW.
IS THERE ANY-THING ELSE YOU'D LIKE—
NO, THAT WILL DO. THANK YOU.

WHAT'S UP, CHIBA?
I'M THE ONLY ONE HERE RIGHT NOW...
I HAD A QUESTION FOR YOU, KIRI-HARA-SENSEI.

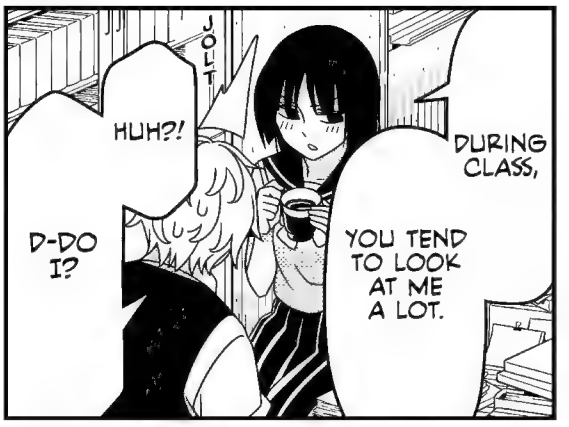

...

HUH?! A QUES-TION?!
LAY IT ON ME!
OH! CARE FOR SOME COFFEE?

BEEEEEEEEEEEEEAM
WELL... IS IT ALL RIGHT IF I ASK SOME-THING ELSE?
HUH?! WHAT IS IT?!

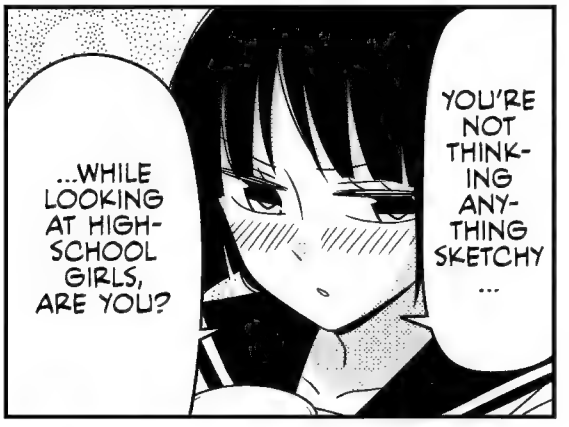
HE'S SO STUPID...

I MEAN, I'M A TEACHER.
AND YOU'RE STILL A KID, CHIBA.
!
IRK


JOLT
HUH?!
D-DO I?
DURING CLASS,
YOU TEND TO LOOK AT ME A LOT.

...
IS THAT REALLY ALL?
YOU ALWAYS LISTEN SO INTENTLY, SO I GUESS MY EYES JUST KIND OF WANDER TO YOU.

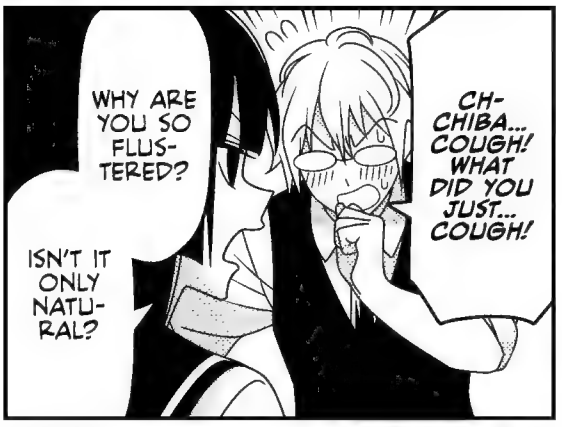
BUT I CAN HAVE SEX, YOU KNOW.


...WHILE LOOKING AT HIGH-SCHOOL GIRLS, ARE YOU?
YOU'RE NOT THINK-ING ANY-THING SKETCHY ...

PFFT

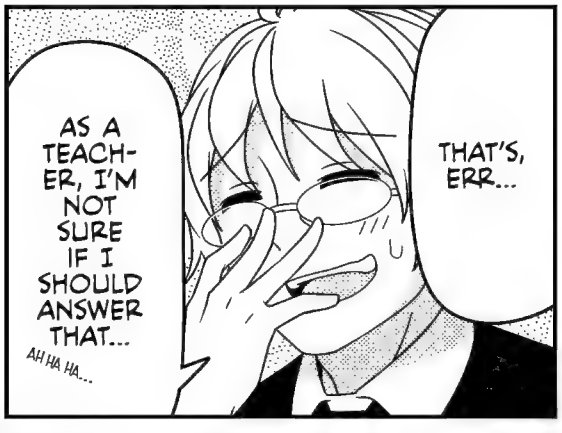
WHY ARE YOU LAUGH-ING?
DON'T BE SILLY!
AH HA HA

I KNOW ADULTS WHO STILL ACT LIKE CHILDREN.
BUT YOU'RE STILL UNDER-AGE, SO...


CH-CHIBA... COUGH! WHAT DID YOU JUST... COUGH!
WHY ARE YOU SO FLUS-TERED?
ISN'T IT ONLY NATU-RAL?

IN THAT CASE,
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF ME, AS A WOMAN?
ALL RIGHT!
I WAS WRONG TO TREAT YOU LIKE A CHILD!

JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN,
THAT DOESN'T MAKE YOU AN ADULT, RIGHT?
WELL... UMM.
I GUESS THAT'S TRUE, BUT...

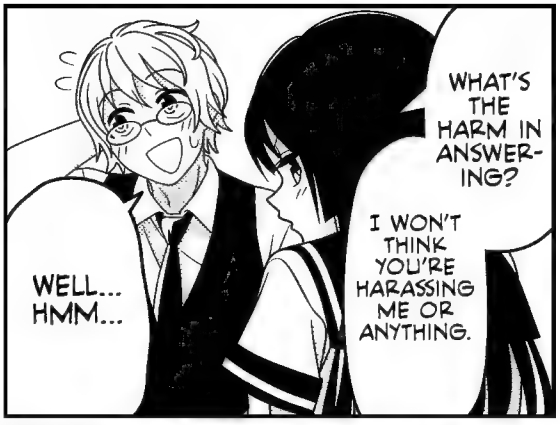

AS A TEACH-ER, I'M NOT SURE IF I SHOULD ANSWER THAT...
AH HA HA...
THAT'S, ERR...

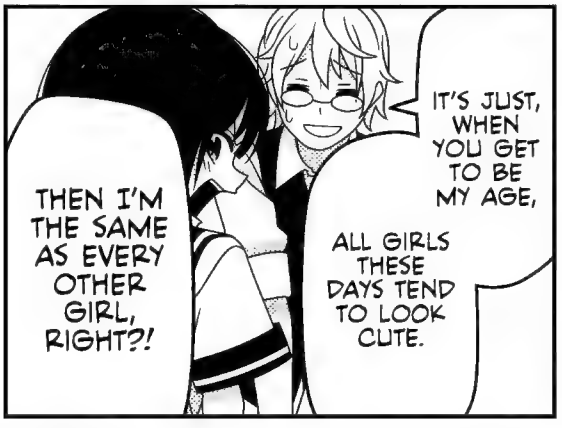
...I CAN GET MARRIED, TOO.
ACCORD-ING TO THE LAW ...

YOU DID.
I DON'T THINK I SAID ANYTHI—
YOU DID.
HUH?! DID I?
YOU SAID I COULD ASK YOU ANYTHING, REMEMBER?

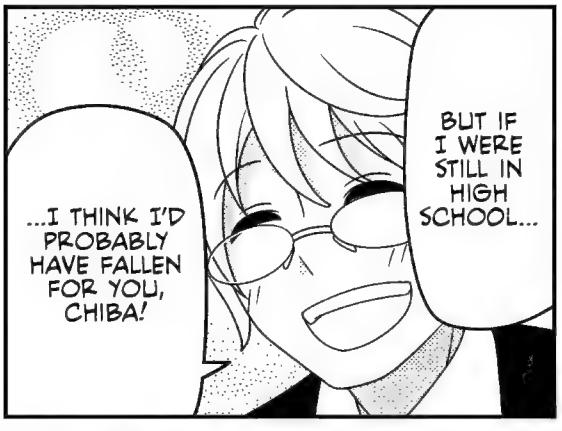
UHH...

I WANT YOUR HONEST OPINION!
ERR...
I'M NOT REALLY LYING.


WHAT'S THE HARM IN ANSWERING?
I WON'T THINK YOU'RE HARASSING ME OR ANYTHING.
WELL... HMM...


IT'S JUST, WHEN YOU GET TO BE MY AGE,
ALL GIRLS THESE DAYS TEND TO LOOK CUTE.
THEN I'M THE SAME AS EVERY OTHER GIRL, RIGHT?!

IN THAT CASE...
...I GUESS I THINK YOU'RE CUTE?
LET'S GO WITH THAT.


BUT IF I WERE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL...
...I THINK I'D PROBABLY HAVE FALLEN FOR YOU, CHIBA!

SENSEI?

!

SENSEI?

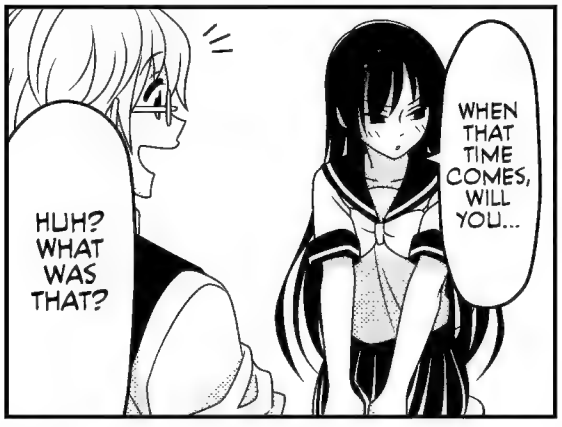
I MEAN,
YOU TEND TO ACT A LITTLE MORE MATURE...
...THAN OTHER GIRLS YOUR AGE, RIGHT?

BUT FROM AN ADULT'S PER-SPECTIVE,
I CAN'T CALL YOU AN ADULT QUITE YET, CHIBA.

I USED TO BE ATTRACTED TO GIRLS LIKE THAT, YOU SEE...
WHAT ABOUT NOW?

THAT SAID, GIVEN A FEW YEARS...
...I THINK YOU'LL MAKE A LOVELY WOMAN!

PHEW... GOT ME.
I'VE GOTTA GET IT TOGETH-ER, HUH?
AH HA HA


WHEN THAT TIME COMES, WILL YOU...
HUH? WHAT WAS THAT?

SMART ALECK...

NOTH-ING.
IT'S FINE. ASK AWAY.
IT'S NOTHING, REALLY.
I SAID YOU COULD ASK ANY-THI—
YOU'RE HARASS-ING ME.
HUH?
END

KIRI-CHAAAN!
I HAD A QUESTION ABOUT THE ENGLISH TEST COMING UP.
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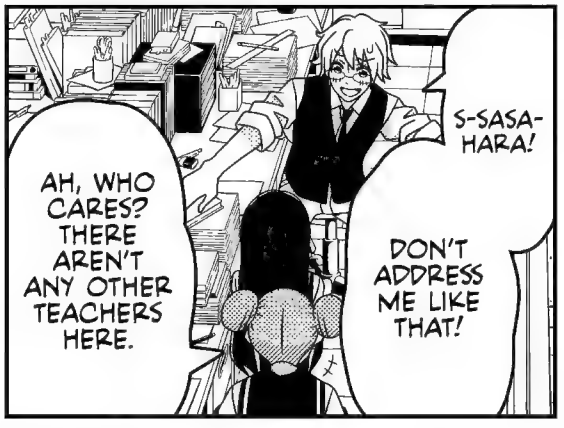
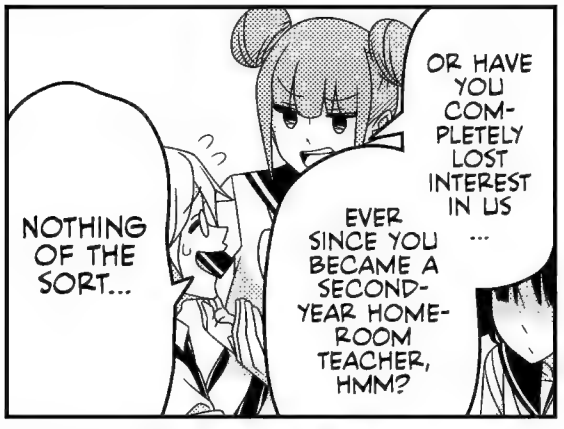

S-SASAHARA!
DON'T ADDRESS ME LIKE THAT!
AH, WHO CARES? THERE AREN'T ANY OTHER TEACHERS HERE.


OR HAVE YOU COMPLETELY LOST INTEREST IN US ...
EVER SINCE YOU BECAME A SECOND-YEAR HOMEROOM TEACHER, HMM?
NOTHING OF THE SORT...

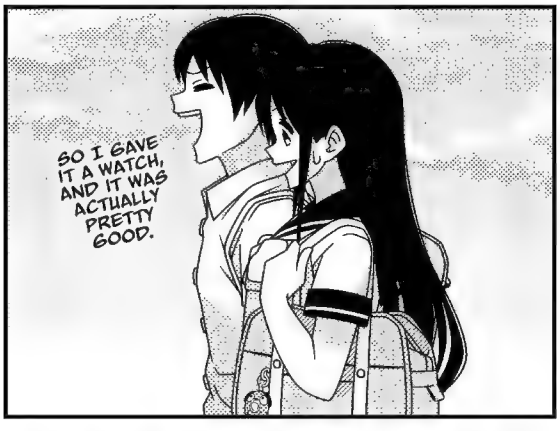
...
KIRI-CHAN, HUH?

SEE YA, KIRI-CHAN!
S-SASA-HARA!
JEEZ!
...
YOU SURE ARE POPULAR WITH THE THIRD-YEARS...
KIRI...
KIRI-HARA-SENSEI ...
NOT AT ALL!
AH HA HA HA

X-Files

Oops! Pardon me!
MY BOY-FRIEND AND I GOT IN THE MOOD THE OTHER DAY...
...BUT WE HAD TO STOP DUE TO SOME INTERFER-ENCE.

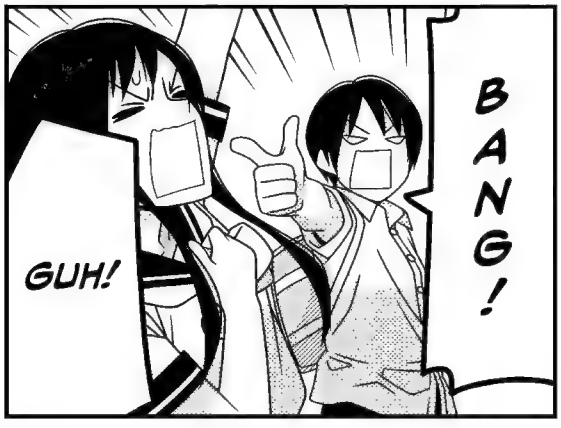
SINCE THEN, NEITHER OF US HAVE BEEN VERY FORWARD WITH EACH OTHER.
RATHER, IT'S LIKE WE'RE AVOIDING THAT KIND OF CONTACT...


SO I GAVE IT A WATCH, AND IT WAS ACTUALLY PRETTY GOOD.

...
WHY?

HUH?!
JOLT
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN IT, KANA?
SORRY, WHAT WERE WE TALKING ABOUT AGAIN?

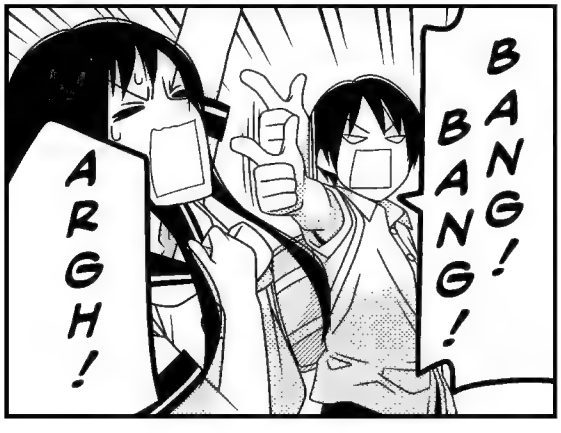
DOES HE FEEL LAME...
...BECAUSE WE DIDN'T END UP DOING ANYTHING?


BANG!
GUH!

IT'S NOT LIKE A CARE OR ANYTHING.
ACTUALLY, I WISH HE'D COME ON TO ME MORE...

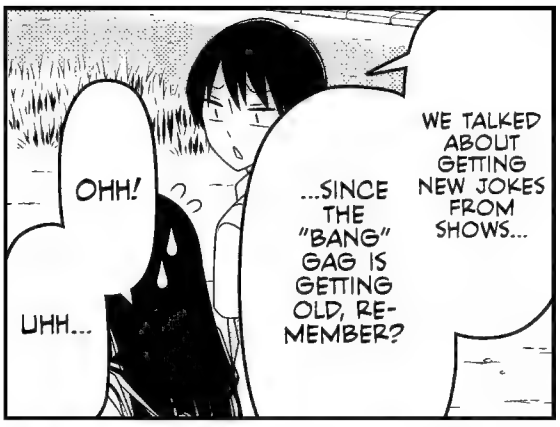
C'MON.
I WAS TALKING ABOUT THAT SHOW!
OHH.
...WHAT ABOUT IT?

THE ALIENS ARE TOO SPOOKY!


BANG!
BANG!
ARGH!

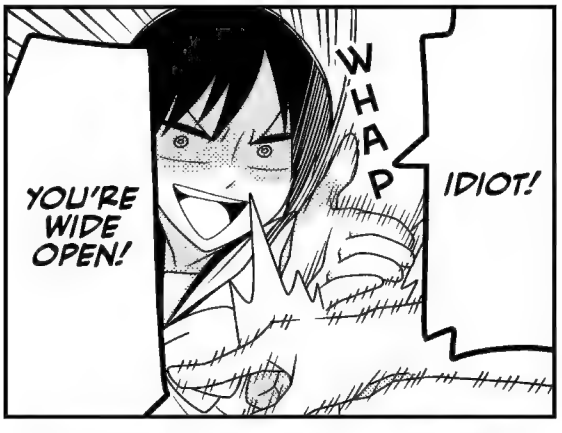
BUT IF I'M THE ONE WHO INITIATES ANYTHING...
...IT'S KINDA... Y'KNOW?

WA-
FWIP
FBI!
WAIT...
HANDS BEHIND YOUR HEAD!

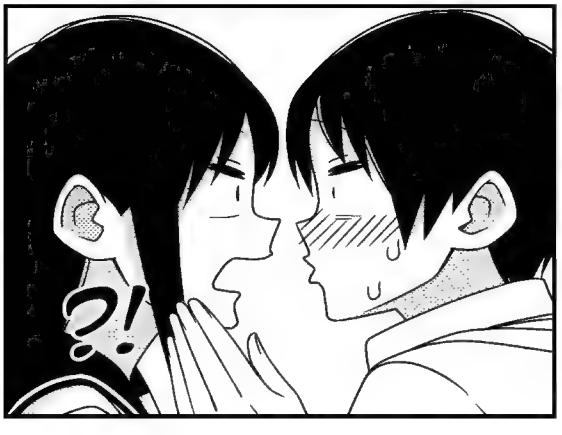

WE TALKED ABOUT GETTING NEW JOKES FROM SHOWS...
...SINCE THE "BANG" GAG IS GETTING OLD, REMEMBER?
OHH!
UHH...

CLOSE YOUR EYES.
NO FUNNY MOVES!
...

ANY-WAY, LET'S GO WITH A DETEC-TIVE AND CRIMINAL FOR THE THEME, AND...
HOLD UP!
I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT SHOW...


WHAP
IDIOT!
YOU'RE WIDE OPEN!

NO SWEAT!
I'LL TAKE THE LEAD.
YOU JUST PLAY ALONG, KANA!


?!

TO BE HONEST...
...I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT JOKES RIGHT NOW.

DID HE...
...TRY TO KISS ME JUST NOW?

HO...
AS...
AS ARE YOU, MY LORD...
HO, HO, HO. THOU ART CRAFTY.

HUH? WHAT? WAS THE JOKE JUST A FRONT?
NAHH. NO WAY!

WAIT!
AAH...
WE SWITCHED CHARACTERS MIDWAY!
YOU'RE RIGHT! AH, HA, HA!

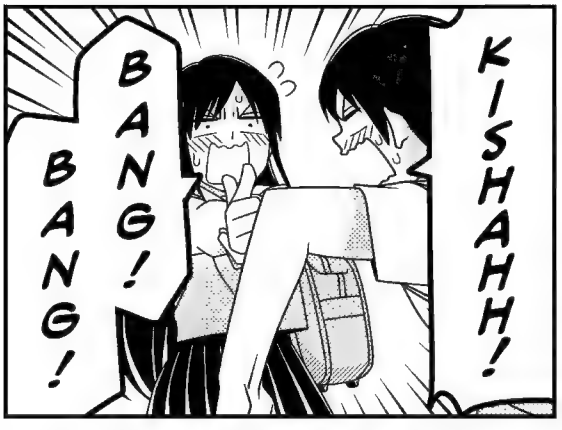
OKAY! NEXT...
...I'LL PLAY THE ALIEN!

NO WAAAY!

BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM
BADUM

KISHAHH!
STAY BACK!
STAY BACK, OR I'LL SHOOT!

JOLT
HUH?!
UHH... I'LL TRY.
AND YOU PLAY THE FBI AGENT, KANA!


KISHAHH!
BANG!
BANG!

L-LET'S JUST SAY HE RE-ALLY DID TRY TO KISS ME.
THIS SITUATION IS JUST...

KISHAHHH!
GRAB
!

KISHAHH!
KEH ...

SE-
SERIOUSLY?!

NO WAY!
NOOO WAY!

A-AC-TUALLY!
THE PUNCH-LINE KINDA SUCKS, HUH?
WE SHOULD PROBA-BLY WORK ON IT...

KISHAHHH!
...?!

HEY!
JOLT
YEAH?!

KISHAOHH...
...

KISHOO...
...

LET'S GO HOME...
SURE...
END

...OR SO...
YOU GET THE IDEA.

HEY, CHIAKI.
HAVE YOU GUYS KISSED YET?

HUH?! WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?
IT'S JUST, PATRICIA TOLD ME...
...WE SHOULD GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER MORE BEFORE KISSING.

BUT, LIKE,
JUST HOW LONG DO YOU HAVE TO GO OUT...
...BEFORE IT'S COOL TO KISS?

HELL IF I KNOW!

WH-WHEN TO KISS?
I THINK THAT DEPENDS ON THE PERSON, Y'KNOW?
YEAH, I GUESS...

I'M JEALOUS OF YOU, CHIAKI.
YOU GUYS ARE TOTALLY IN TUNE WITH EACH OTHER.

ON THE OTHER HAND,
I HAVE A HARD ENOUGH TIME...
...JUST HUGGING HER.
SIGH...

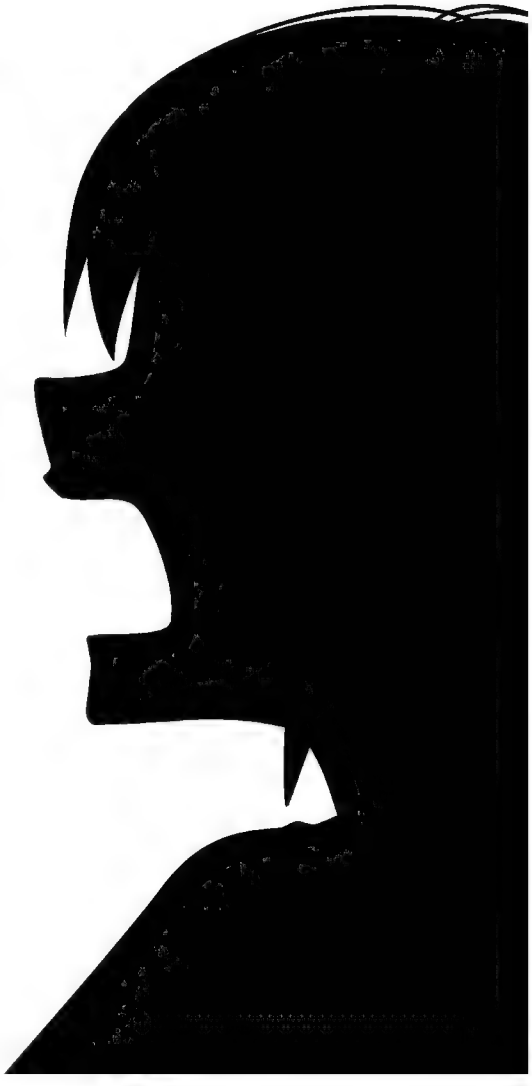
SHAKE
SHAKE

SOME NEW MEMBERS...
DO-RE-MI-FA-SO!
...JOINED THE DRAMA CLUB.

MATSU-RA-SEMPAI,
HOW DO YOU SPEAK FROM THE DIA-PHRAGM?
UMM. WELL ...
DO-RE-MI-FA-SO-LA-SO!
AAH, THAT'S NOT RIGHT!

OH, JEEZ.
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO TEACH THEM?
OOOH?!

Beginner



HM? HOW CAN I HELP?
WHY DON'T YOU TRY ASKING KATORI-SEMPAI HERE FOR ADVICE?
O-OKAY...

...
CAN I HELP YOU?
OH, IT'S NOTHING.
I JUST THOUGHT OUR DEAR VP MIGHT BE IN A BIND.

HMM?
MMM...
UMM...
HOW EXACTLY DO YOU SPEAK FROM THE DIA-PHRAGM?

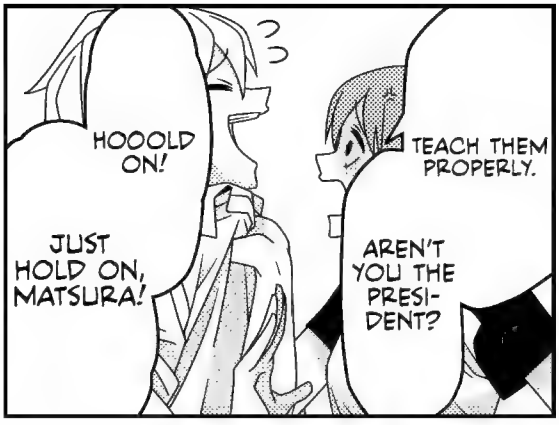
TAK
TAK
TAK
I'VE GOT THINGS COVERED.
YOU CAN JUST GO HOME, SEMPAI...

BEATS ME!

KATORI
NICE 2 MEET U!
THUD
I'M THE CLUB PRES-IDENT, KATORI.

PISSED

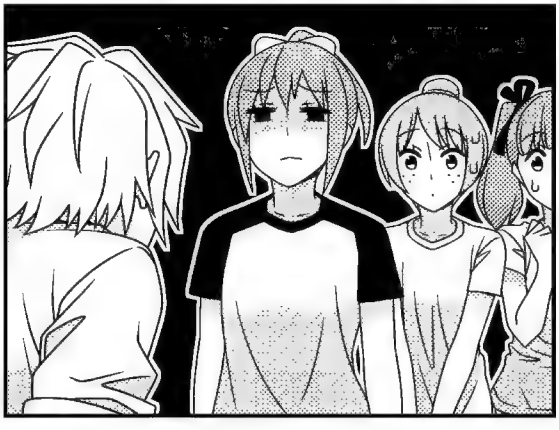
GOOD POINT.
I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE, ACTUALLY.
RIGHT?


HOOOLD ON!
JUST HOLD ON, MATSURA!
TEACH THEM PROPERLY.
AREN'T YOU THE PRESI-DENT?

BUT,
YOU'RE A FINE VICE PRESIDENT NOW, MATSURA.
WHY DO YOU THINK THAT IS?

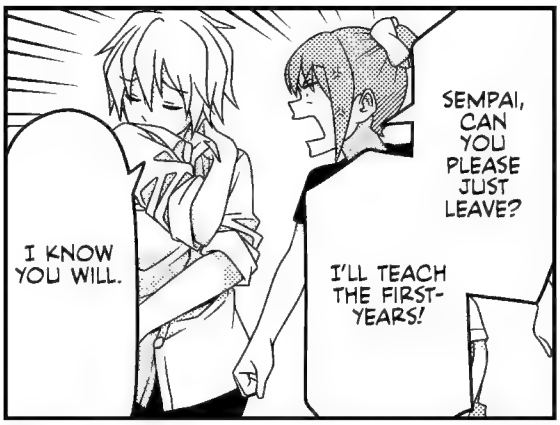
TRUUUE, I MIIIGHT BE THE PRESIDENT.
BUUUT, HAVE I REEE-ALLY...
...EVER TAUGHT YOU GUYS ANY-THING?

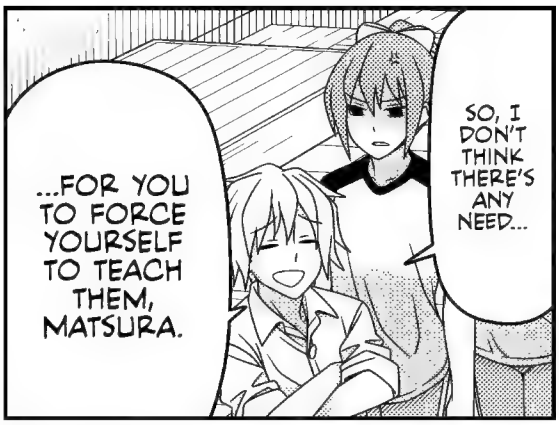
IT ISN'T BE-CAUSE OF ANY-ONE ELSE.
IT'S ALL BECAUSE YOU...
BAP
...TRIED YOUR VERY HARD-EST!



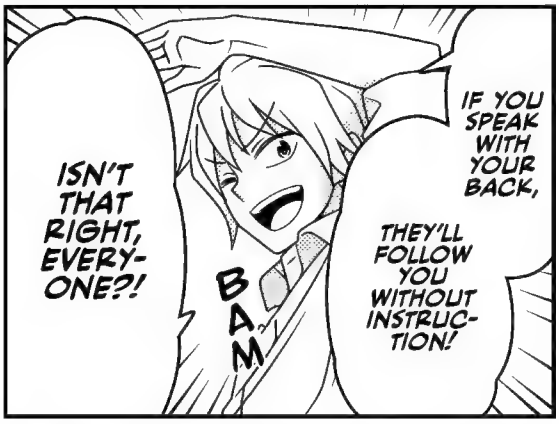
...
YEAH, AND?

WEEELL?


SEMPAI, CAN YOU PLEASE JUST LEAVE?
I'LL TEACH THE FIRST-YEARS!
I KNOW YOU WILL.


SO, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY NEED...
...FOR YOU TO FORCE YOURSELF TO TEACH THEM, MATSURA.

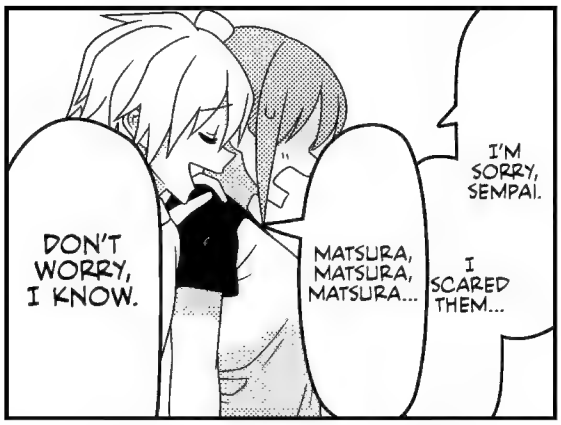
BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK...
...THEY'LL FOLLOW YOU AS YOU ARE NOW?
HUH?! WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY...

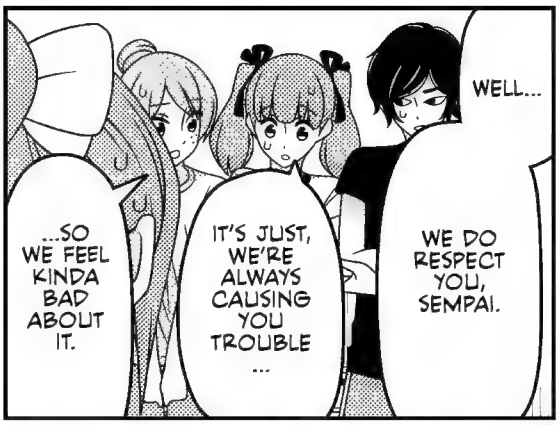

IF YOU SPEAK WITH YOUR BACK,
THEY'LL FOLLOW YOU WITHOUT INSTRUC-TION!
BAM
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, EVERY-ONE?!

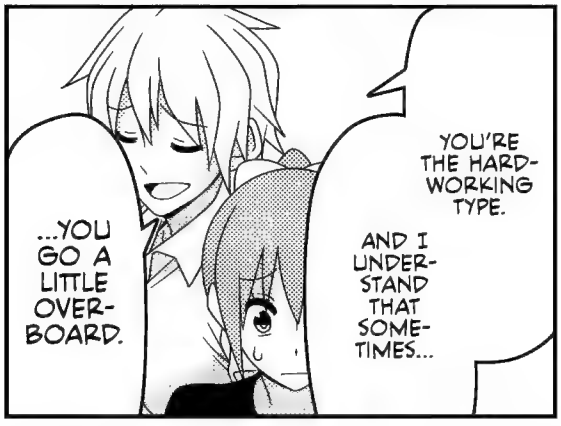
UHH...

...
...HUH?!

...YES.
DON'T PLAY ALONG.


I'M SORRY, SEMPAI.
I SCARED THEM...
MATSURA, MATSURA, MATSURA...
DON'T WORRY, I KNOW.


WELL...
WE DO RESPECT YOU, SEMPAI.
IT'S JUST, WE'RE ALWAYS CAUSING YOU TROUBLE ...
...SO WE FEEL KINDA BAD ABOUT IT.


YOU'RE THE HARD-WORKING TYPE.
AND I UNDER-STAND THAT SOME-TIMES...
...YOU GO A LITTLE OVER-BOARD.

N-NO WAY...!
I'M NOT...

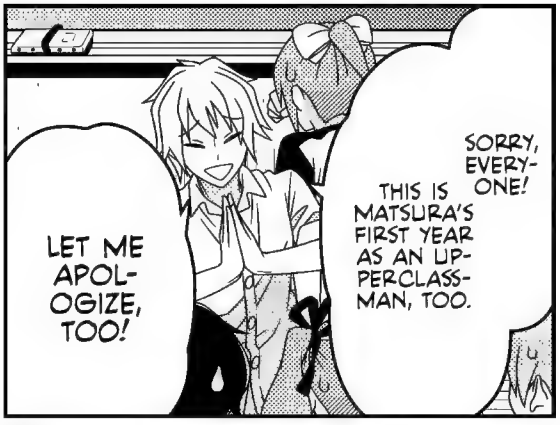
BUT I ALSO UN-DERSTAND THAT THAT PART OF YOU...
...IS ONE...
...OF YOUR BEST QUALITIES.

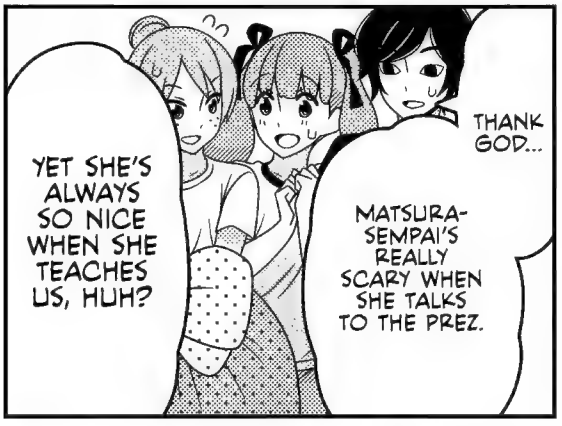
FLINCH
!

SE...
SEM-PAI...!

PAT

NAAAH!
THAT'S HOW WE ALWAYS ARE!
RIGHT, MATSURA?


SORRY, EVERY-ONE!
THIS IS MATSURA'S FIRST YEAR AS AN UP-PERCLASS-MAN, TOO.
LET ME APOL-OGIZE, TOO!


THANK GOD...
MATSURA-SEMPAI'S REALLY SCARY WHEN SHE TALKS TO THE PREZ.
YET SHE'S ALWAYS SO NICE WHEN SHE TEACHES US, HUH?

SORRY, GUYS.
I MADE YOU ALL WORRY, HUH?
I WASN'T MAD AT YOU OR ANYTHING.

THAT'S NAAAH! JUST HOW SHE ALWAYS TALKS TO ME!
RIGHT, MATSU-RA?!

REALLY?
WE THOUGHT YOU WERE GETTING IRRITATED BY US...
...AND JUST TAKING IT OUT ON THE PREZ.

END

EXTRA

Tsure × Dure Children

NAH...
IT'S TRUE THAT HE ALWAYS SHOWS UP WHEN I'M IN TROUBLE...
...BUT IT'S NOT LIKE HE REALLY DID ANYTHING.

MATSURA-SEMPAI.
WHEN DO YOU THINK KATORI-SEMPAI WILL COME BY AGAIN?
HUH?

HE'S KIND OF A WEIRDO,
BUT HE HAS THAT SUPERSTAR QUALITY, Y'KNOW?
HE MADE ME WANT TO WORK HARDER, TOO!
I WANT TO SEE HIS ACTING!

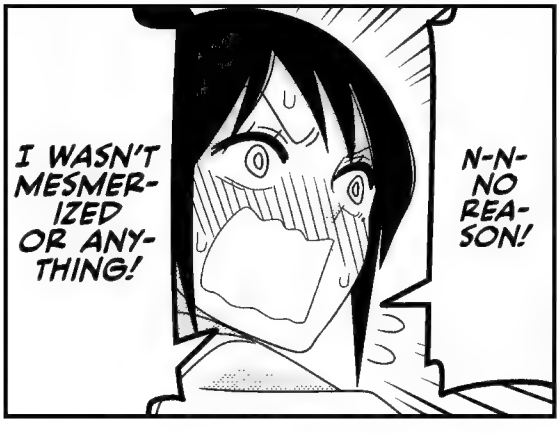
?!

Training

I STARTED GOING OUT WITH A JUNIOR IN THE KARATE CLUB.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE FOR ME, CAPTAIN!

WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT A KARATE NUT LIKE ME, WHO EVEN HAD THE NICKNAME "SAIYAN" IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...
ONE! TWO!...
...WOULD BE GOING OUT WITH A YOUNGER BOY.

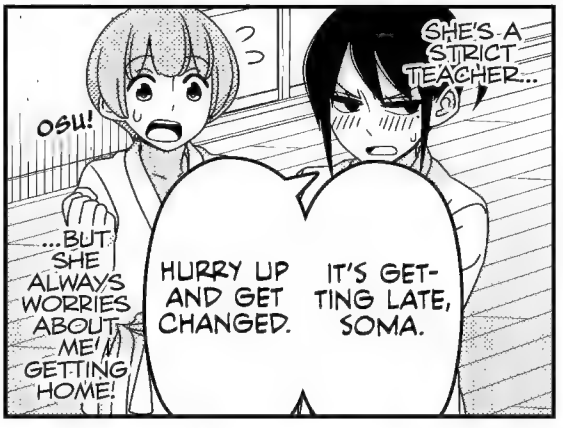
...?
WHY ARE YOU STARING AT ME?


N-N-NO REA-SON!
I WASN'T MESMER-IZED OR ANY-THING!

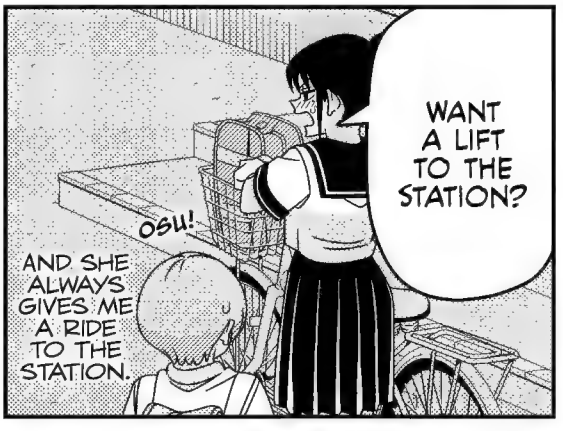
I'LL GO GET CHANGED.
WAIT HERE FOR A MINUTE.

SAEJIMA-SEMPAI...
...CARES A LOT ABOUT HER JUNIORS.

BADUM
WHA?! YOU FOOL!
UMM. SEMPAI?
IF WE'RE GOING TO TRAIN, WHY DON'T YOU JUST WEAR YOUR GI...?


SHE'S A STRICT TEACHER...
OSU!
...BUT SHE ALWAYS WORRIES ABOUT ME GETTING HOME!
HURRY UP AND GET CHANGED.
IT'S GETTING LATE, SOMA.

...IF I WEAR MY GI!
I'LL SMELL ALL SWEATY...


WANT A LIFT TO THE STATION?
OSU!
AND SHE ALWAYS GIVES ME A RIDE TO THE STATION.

...
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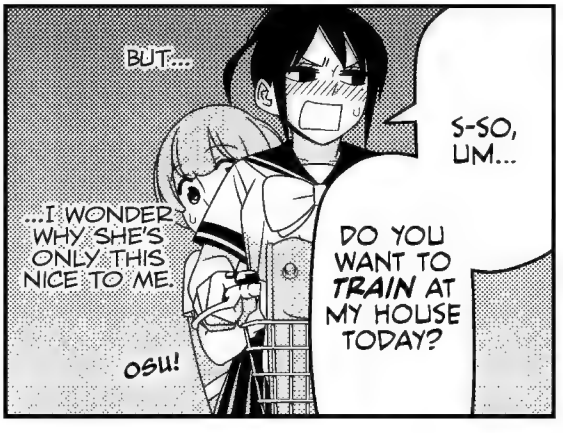
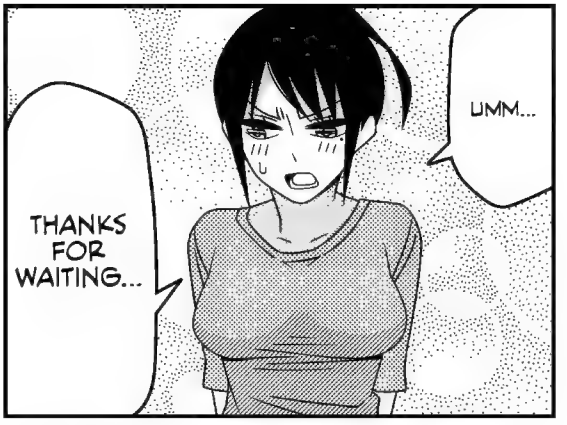

BUT...
S-SO, UM...
...I WONDER WHY SHE'S ONLY THIS NICE TO ME.
DO YOU WANT TO TRAIN AT MY HOUSE TODAY?
OSU!

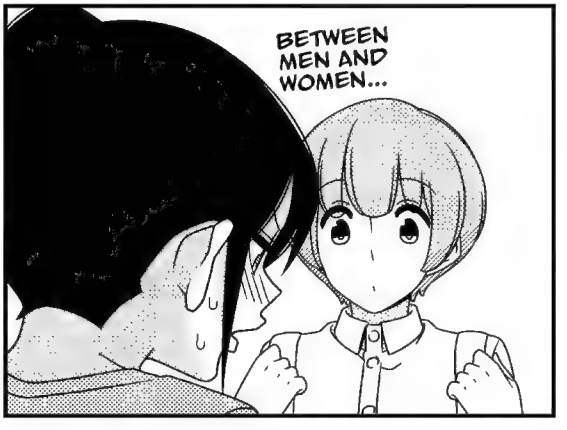
DO YOU WANT TO PLAY SHOGI AGAIN?
SO, UHH... WHAT SHOULD WE DO TODAY?!


UMM...
THANKS FOR WAITING...

DO YOU REALLY THINK THIS COUNTS AS TRAIN-ING?
JOLT
!

SAE-JIMA-SEMPAI,
WE CAME HERE TO TRAIN, DIDN'T WE?
I-IT'S TRAINING OF A SORT... THAT IS, UHH...

WELL, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT A BOY AND GIRL SHOULD DO...
...ALONE IN THE SAME ROOM.


BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN...

BUT... IN ORDER TO GRADUALLY FIGURE THAT OUT...
...THIS LOVE TRAINING IS CRUCIAL!

IT'S LIKE THAT!
YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN!

WE'VE ONLY KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR A COUPLE MONTHS.
YOU CAN'T JUST RUSH THESE THINGS.
THERE ARE STEPS TO FOLLOW...

ARE...
ARE YOU BORED?
HUH?! NO...
I'M NOT BORED, JUST...

WHAT STEPS DO YOU MEAN?
WELL, LIKE...
HOLDING HANDS, FOR INSTANCE...

TWITCH
I FEEL LIKE...
...WE SHOULD BE USING OUR BODIES.
WHA?!

"HOW TO GRIP"?
ISN'T THAT SO BASIC?!

I SWEAR...
YOU BOYS ALWAYS JUMP TO THAT!
HUH ...?
WHY NOT?

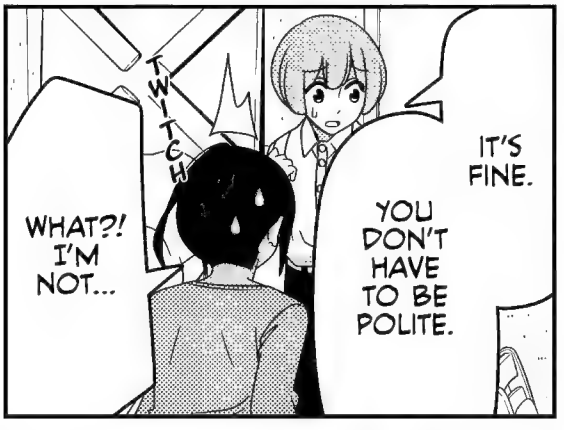
BA-SIC?
BASIC, YOU SAY?!

"WHY NOT?"

JOLT
HUH?!
SEMPAI, AREN'T YOU JUST TREATING ME LIKE A KID?

A-AS A MAN?
WELL...
I MEAN, OF COURSE I...
UMM...

ARE YOU SPOILING ME... ...BECAUSE I'M SMALL AND WEAK?
TH-THAT'S NOT...


IT'S FINE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE POLITE.
TWITCH
WHAT?! I'M NOT...

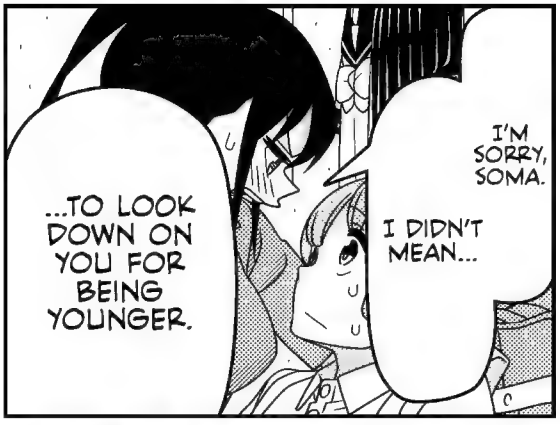
IN THAT CASE...
...DO YOU SEE ME AS A MAN?!

YOU CALLED IT TRAINING...
...BUT YOU WERE JUST TOYING WITH ME, WEREN'T YOU?!

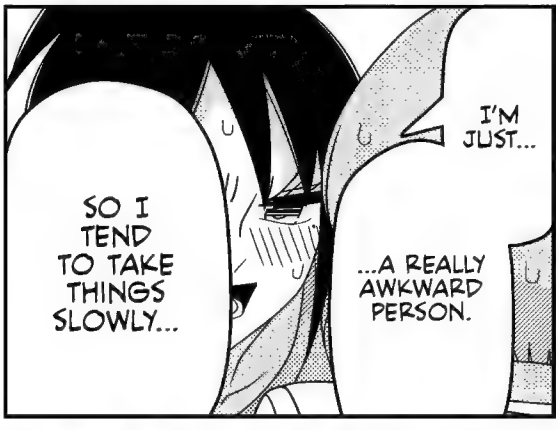
?!

WAIT!
THUD

NO...
I JUST DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH DRIVE.
AND I WASN'T THINKING ABOUT HOW YOU FELT...
IT'S FINE...

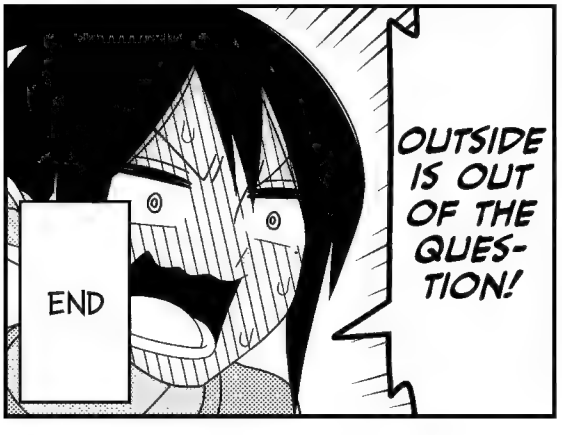

I'M SORRY, SOMA.
I DIDN'T MEAN...
...TO LOOK DOWN ON YOU FOR BEING YOUNGER.

SO...?
ARE WE GOING TO DO IT OR WHAT?
TRAIN-ING...
USING OUR BODIES.

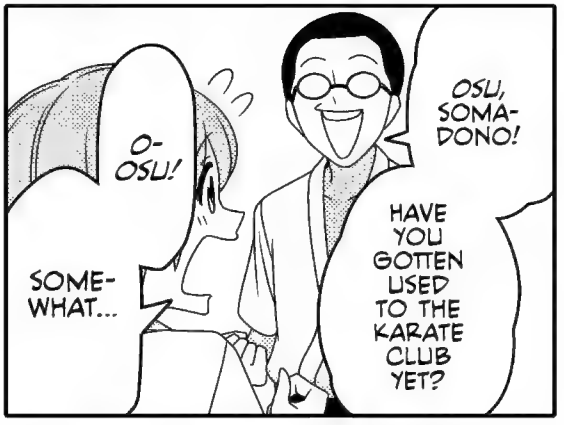

I'M JUST...
...A REALLY AWKWARD PERSON.
SO I TEND TO TAKE THINGS SLOWLY...

OSU!
LET'S HEAD OUTSIDE, THEN!

BUT IF YOU WANT,
WE CAN GO AT YOUR PACE.
WHAT-EVER... YOU WANT TO DO.

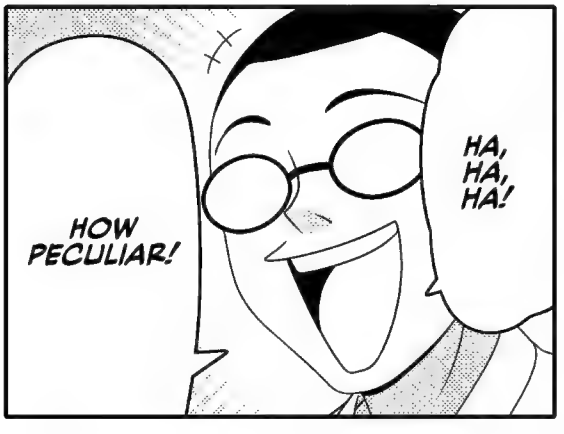

OUTSIDE IS OUT OF THE QUES-TION!
END

...
SEMPAI!

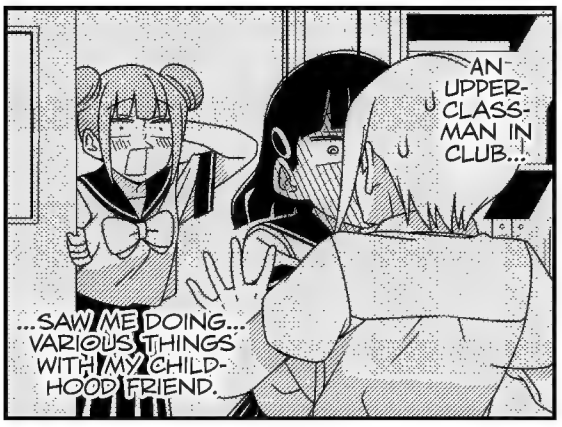

OSU, SOMA-DONO!
HAVE YOU GOTTEN USED TO THE KARATE CLUB YET?
O-OSU!
SOME-WHAT...

THE CAPTAIN IS STRICT, ISN'T SHE?
SHE SEEMS TO BE ESPECIAL-LY TOUGH ON YOU...
...SINCE YOU'RE SO FRAIL, SOMA-DONO.

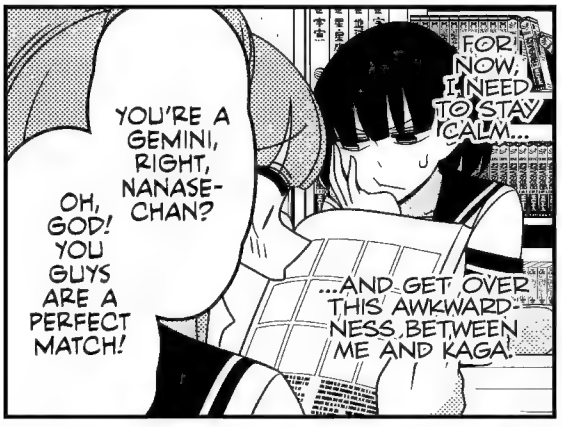
OSU!
SHE MADE ME LUNCH HERSELF TODAY!
IT WAS FULL OF MEAT!


HA, HA, HA!
HOW PECULIAR!

BUT, YOU KNOW ...
SAEJIMA-SEMPAI ALWAYS WANTS TO PLAY AROUND AND NEVER TRAINS ME.
OH? PLAY AROUND HOW?
SHOGI, FOR ONE.
ALSO, HOLDING HANDS AND STUFF...
YOU MEAN HOW TO MAKE A FIST?!
THAT'S A VERY KEY FUNDA-MEN-TAL!
NO...
I MEAN LIKE I HOLD HER HAND.
HA, HA, HA!
THAT CERTAINLY IS BAF-FLING!


AN UPPER-CLASSMAN IN CLUB...
...SAW ME DOING... VARIOUS THINGS WITH MY CHILD-HOOD FRIEND.

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN, KAGA-KUN?
I'M A LIBRA, WHY?
SOMETHING CAME OVER ME THEN!
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN QUICK TO LOSE MY COOL.
AT ANY RATE, I LEARNED MY LESSON.


FOR NOW, I NEED TO STAY CALM...
...AND GET OVER THIS AWKWARD-NESS BETWEEN ME AND KAGA!
YOU'RE A GEMINI, RIGHT, NANASE-CHAN?
OH, GOD! YOU GUYS ARE A PERFECT MATCH!

GRIND

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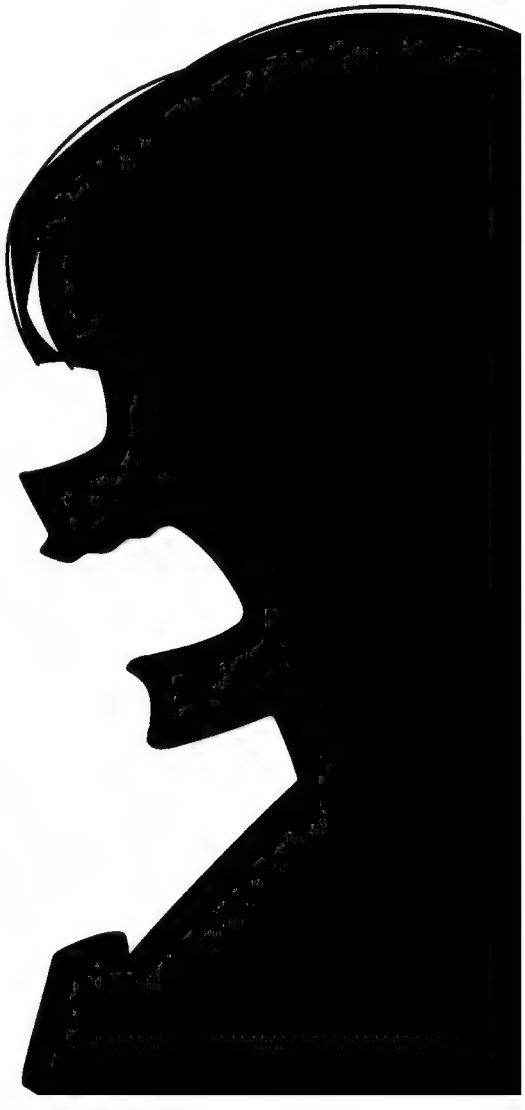
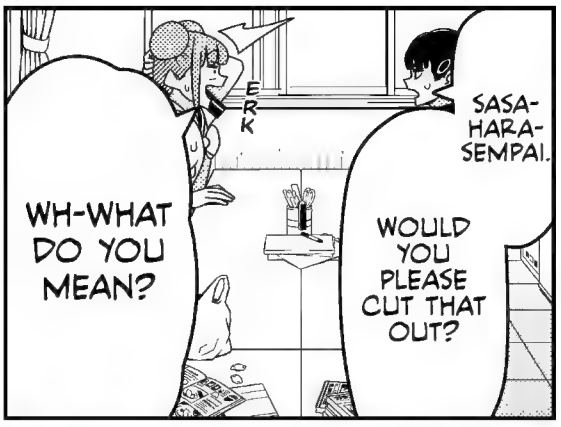
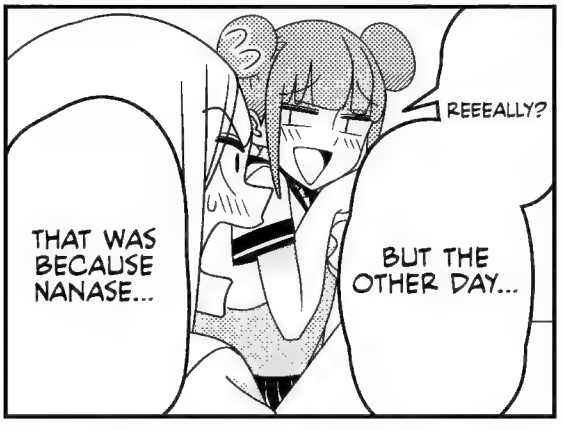
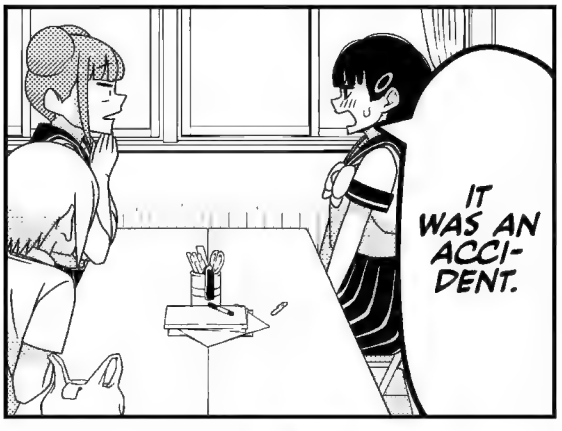


I'M NOT—
YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG IDEA, SASA-HARA-SEMPAI!
WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF RELATION-SHIP!


ERK
SASA-HARA-SEMPAI.
WOULD YOU PLEASE CUT THAT OUT?
WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


REEEALLY?
BUT THE OTHER DAY...
THAT WAS BECAUSE NANASE...

I'M JUST STUDY-ING THE STARS...
AS A MEMBER OF THE ASTRON-OMY CLUB.
YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ANYONE.

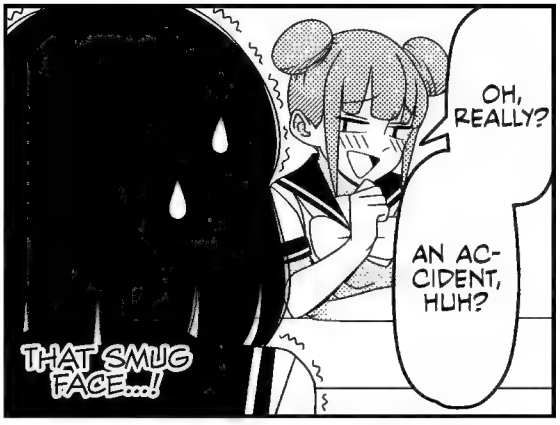

IT WAS AN ACCI-DENT.

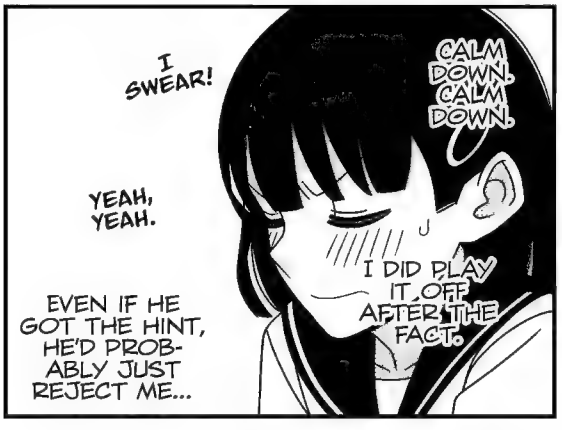
IF SHE KEEPS THAT UP...
...THINGS WILL GET MORE AWKWARD BETWEEN ME AND KAGA.
IT'S NOT LIKE KAGA AND I ARE...

I TRIPPED ...
...AND FELL ON HIS FACE.

OH, COME ON.
NO NEED TO BE EMBAR-RASSED.

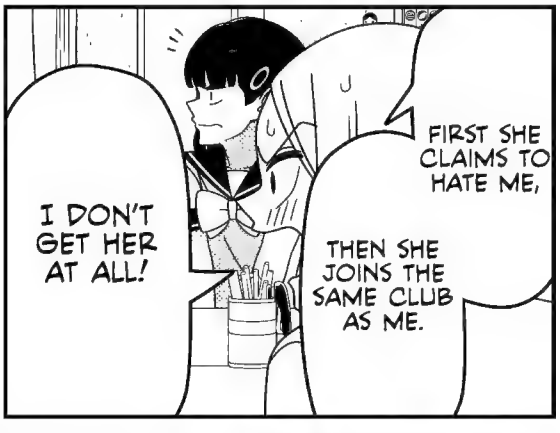
KAGA, YOU IDIOT...
I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING!
YET YOU TWO KISSED?
EVEN IF IT WAS ON IMPULSE, I BASICALLY CONFESSED TO HIM.


THAT SMUG FACE...!
AN AC-CIDENT, HUH?
OH, REALLY?


EVEN IF HE GOT THE HINT, HE'D PROB-ABLY JUST REJECT ME...
YEAH, YEAH.
I SWEAR!
I DID PLAY IT OFF AFTER THE FACT.
CALM DOWN. CALM DOWN.

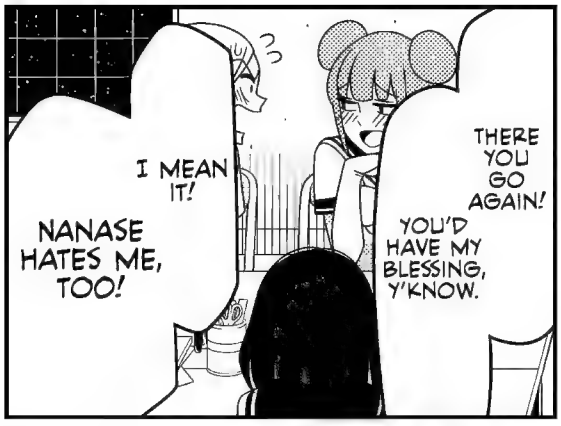
DON'T ASK ME!
D-
WELL, KAGA-KUN? YOU HEARD HER.

HAVE YOU GIVEN HER AN ANSWER YET?
SO, KAGA-KUN?


I DON'T GET HER AT ALL!
THEN SHE JOINS THE SAME CLUB AS ME.
FIRST SHE CLAIMS TO HATE ME,

!?!

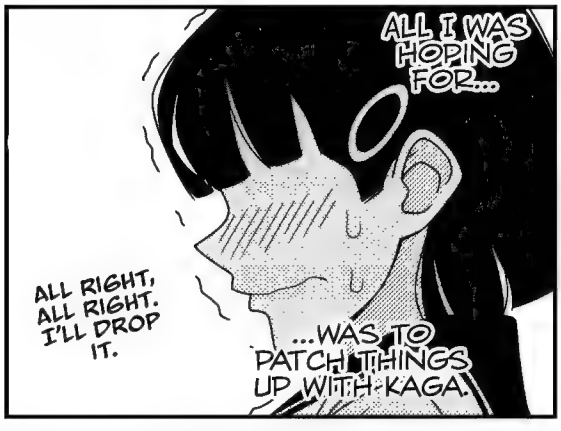
IS THAT SO?
OH, YOU DON'T GET IT, HUH?

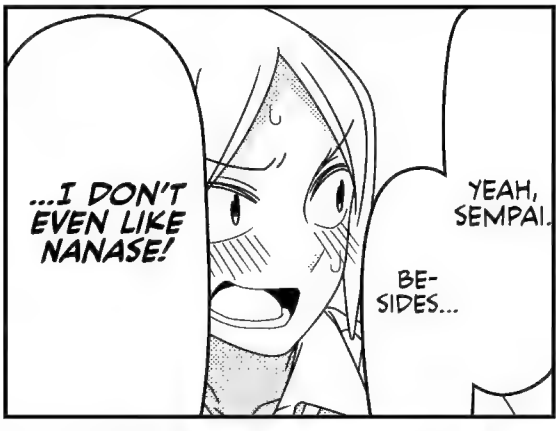

THERE YOU GO AGAIN!
YOU'D HAVE MY BLESSING, Y'KNOW.
I MEAN IT!
NANASE HATES ME, TOO!

AN ANSWER?
TO WHAT?!
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?!

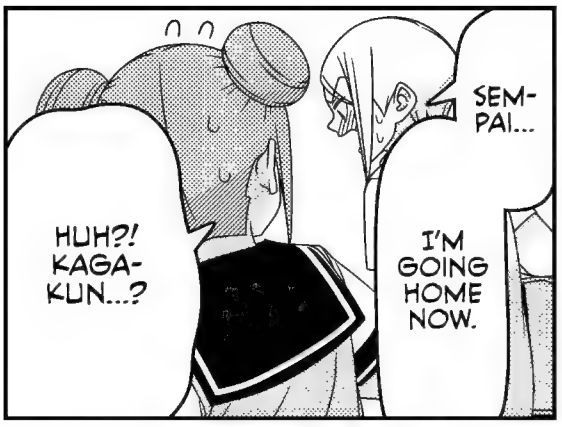
WELL...
REALLY? I DUNNO...
SASAHARA-SEMPAI!
...I ALREADY KNEW THAT, ANYWAY.
IT'S NO SHOCK TO HEAR IT NOW.

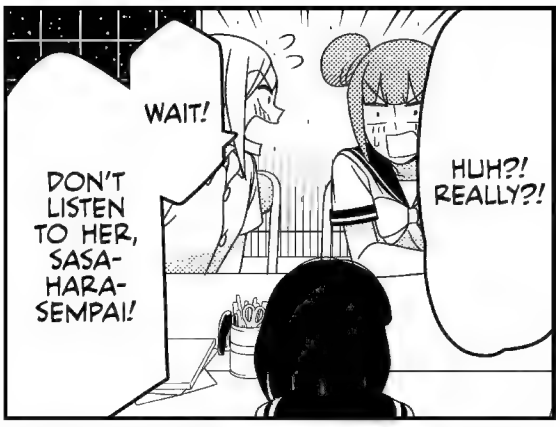
EVEN IF THAT WAS AN ACCIDENT...
NANASE-CHAN CLEARLY—
PLEASE STOP!
I DON'T...

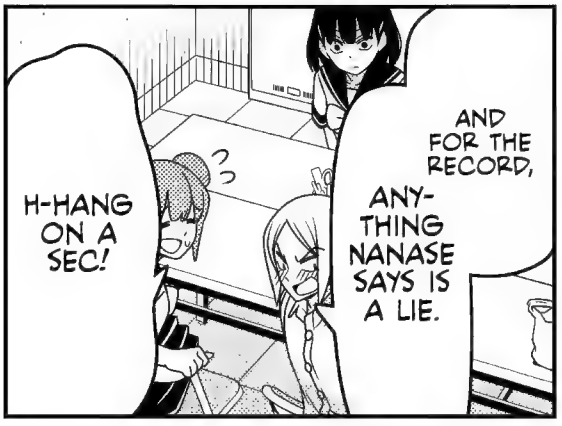

ALL I WAS HOPING FOR...
...WAS TO PATCH THINGS UP WITH KAGA.
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. I'LL DROP IT.


YEAH, SEMPAI.
BESIDES...
...I DON'T EVEN LIKE NANASE!

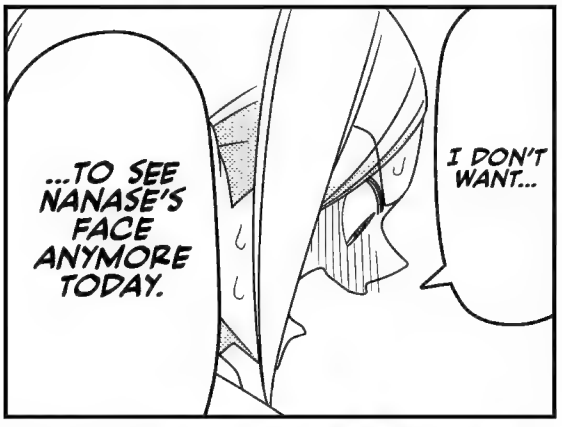
BESIDES,
I KNOW...
...WHO KAGA LIKES.


SEM-
PAI...
I'M GOING HOME NOW.
HUH?! KAGA-KUN...?


WAIT!
DON'T LISTEN TO HER, SASA-HARA-SEMPAI!
HUH?! REALLY?!


AND FOR THE RECORD,
ANY-THING NANASE SAYS IS A LIE.
H-HANG ON A SEC!

NANA-SE!
N-NO!
IT'S NOT LIKE I SAID WHO!
ARE YOU MESSING WITH ME AGAIN?!


I DON'T WANT...
...TO SEE NANASE'S FACE ANYMORE TODAY.

ACTUALLY ...
...MAYBE I SHOULD SAY—

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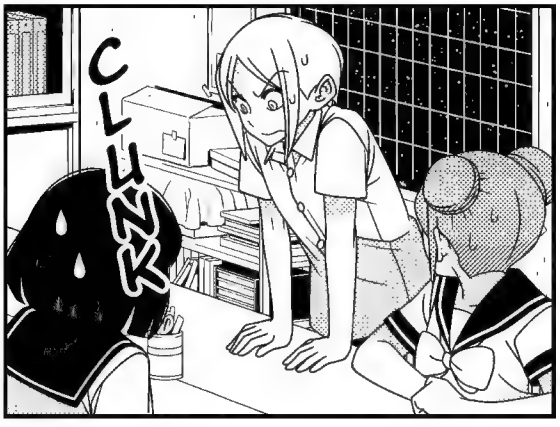
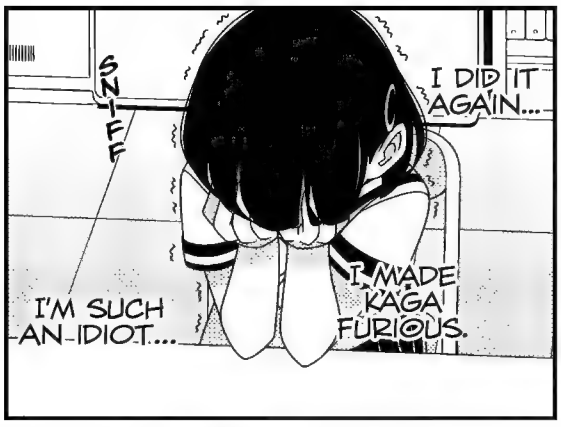
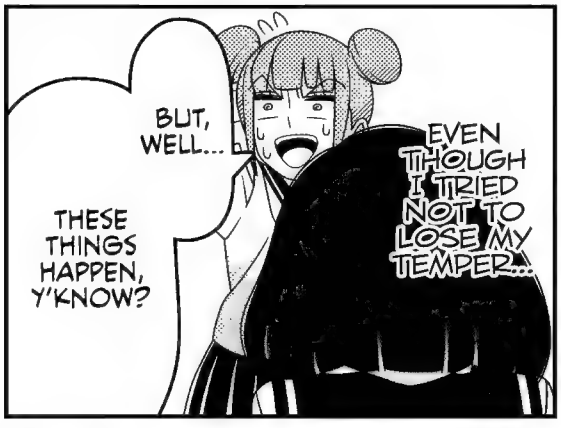
SLAM

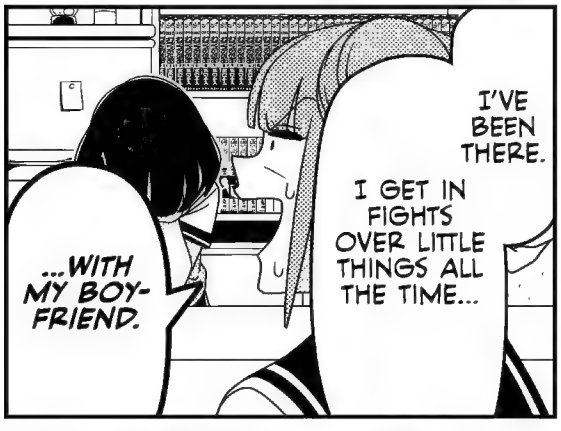

CLUNK


SNIFF
I DID IT AGAIN...
I MADE KAGA FURIOUS.
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT...

UH-OH...
UMM...


BUT, WELL...
EVEN THOUGH I TRIED NOT TO LOSE MY TEMPER...
THESE THINGS HAPPEN, Y'KNOW?

I DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM, OKAY?
I REALLY ...JUST WANTED THINGS TO GO WELL FOR YOU TWO.


I'VE BEEN THERE.
I GET IN FIGHTS OVER LITTLE THINGS ALL THE TIME...
...WITH MY BOY-FRIEND.

I'M SO SORRY. I WON'T MEDDLE ANY-MORE.
AND I'LL TALK TO KAGA-KUN TOMOR-ROW, SO...

OH, BUT, DON'T TELL KAGA-KUN, OKAY?
I DON'T WANT TO SEEM LIKE I'M BRAGGING.
END

DRIP
DRIP

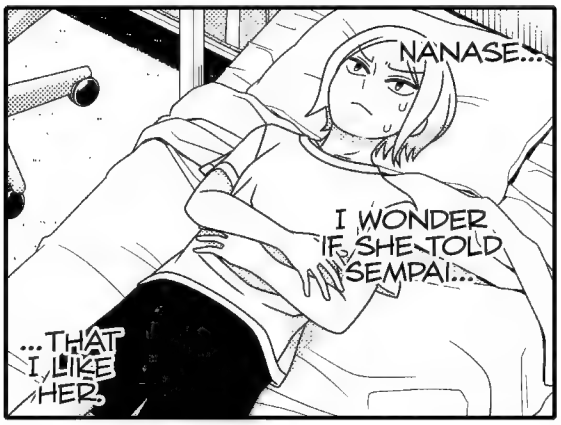
I TOLD YOU TO JUST LEAVE THEM ALONE!
YOU MORON!

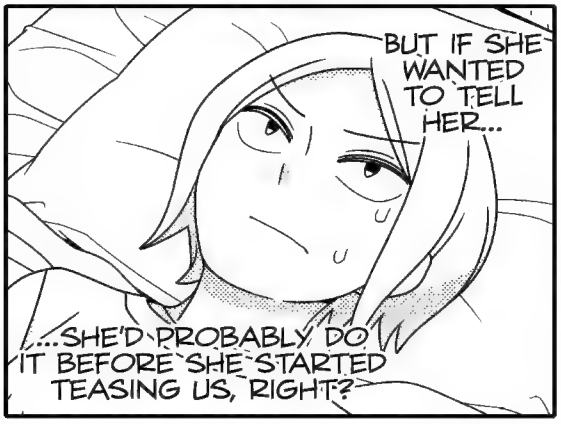
STOP CRYING.
AHH... I JUS'... BUHH...
AH'M SOWW4... SNIFF... UGUU...

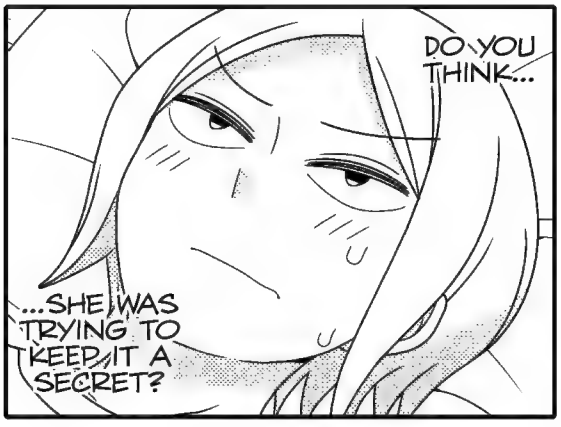
WHAT IF THEY DON'T COME TO CLUB ANYMORE?
THEN WAIT UNTIL THINGS SET-TLE DOWN, OKAY?
FOR NOW, JUST APOL-OGIZE,

BWAHHH!
NOT MY PROB-LEM.

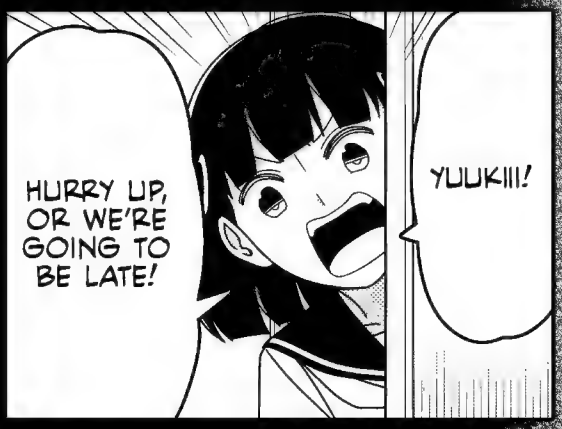
Tsure × Dure
CHILDREN


NANASE...
I WONDER IF SHE TOLD SEMPAI...
...THAT I LIKE HER.


BUT IF SHE WANTED TO TELL HER...
...SHE'D PROBABLY DO IT BEFORE SHE STARTED TEASING US, RIGHT?

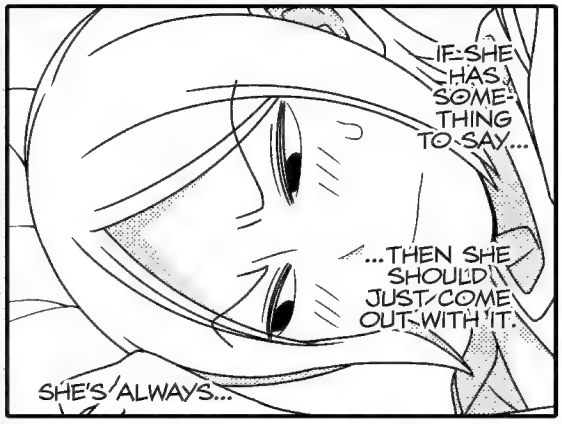

DO YOU THINK...
...SHE WAS TRYING TO KEEP IT A SECRET?

Peach


YUUKIII!
HURRY UP, OR WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE!

WHAT'S WITH HER, ANYWAY?
...THEN SHE SAYS SHE HATES ME.
FIRST SHE KISSES ME OUT OF THE BLUE...
WHICH IS IT?!

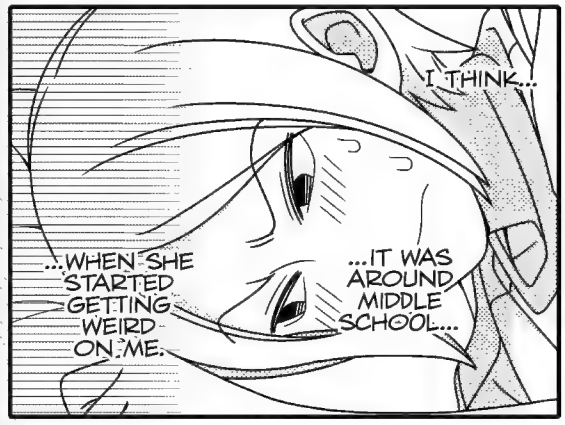
SORRY, KAORU-CHAN. I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D HAVE TO LOOK AFTER HIM IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, TOO...
IT'S FINE. WE'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS, AFTER ALL!


IF SHE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY...
...THEN SHE SHOULD JUST COME OUT WITH IT.
SHE'S ALWAYS...

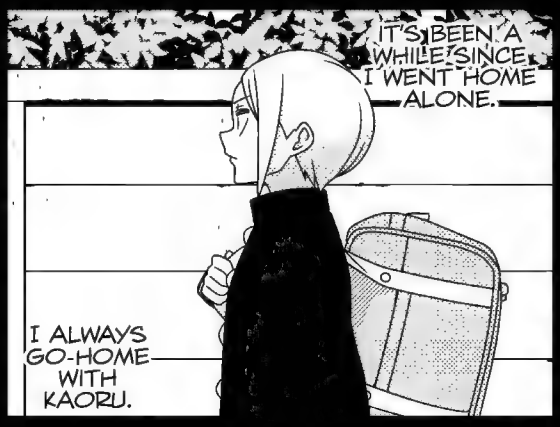
BUT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND A BOYFRIEND...
...IF YOU'RE ALWAYS WITH YUUKI, YOU KNOW.

UGH, I HAVE TO GO TO THE SAME MIDDLE SCHOOL AS YOU, TOO, YUUKI?
JUST MY LUCK!

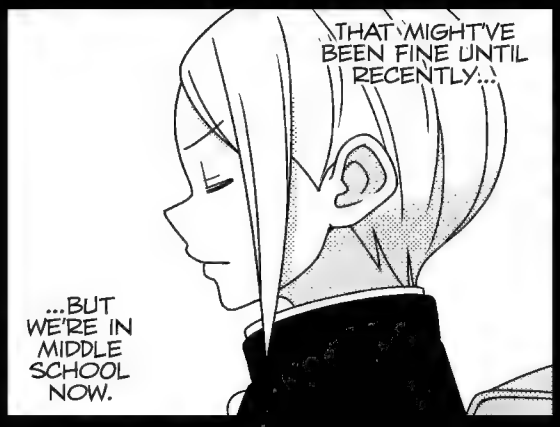
I...I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT...
WHAT'RE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
SHUT UP! LET'S GO!
HUH?

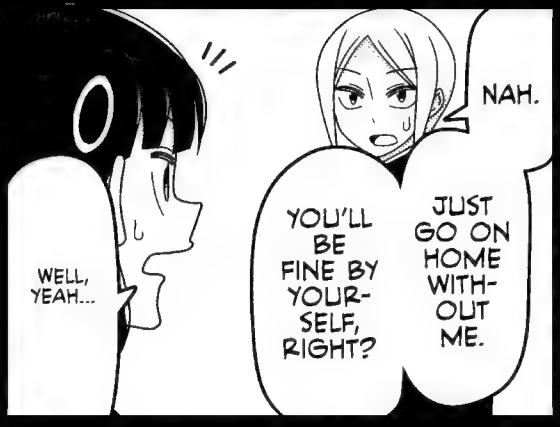

I THINK...
...IT WAS AROUND MIDDLE SCHOOL...
...WHEN SHE STARTED GETTING WEIRD ON ME.

YUUKI!
LET ME BORROW YOUR ENGLISH DICTIONARY!
SURE.
JUST GET IT BACK TO ME BEFORE FOURTH PERIOD.
UMM...
SORRY.
YOU GUYS ARE ON A FIRST-NAME BASIS?
ARE YOU GOING OUT?
NO WAY.
WE'RE JUST CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.
AND WE LIVE IN THE SAME APARTMENT BUILDING.
NAH, IT'S COOL.
I KINDA KNEW IT WAS HOPELESS, ANYWAY.
HUH?
BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF RUMORS GOING AROUND.
WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON?
YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED IN HER LIKE THAT AT ALL?
YOU, UH,
LIKE KAGA FROM CLASS 2, RIGHT?
!
NOT REALLY.
N-NO...
NOT REALLY...

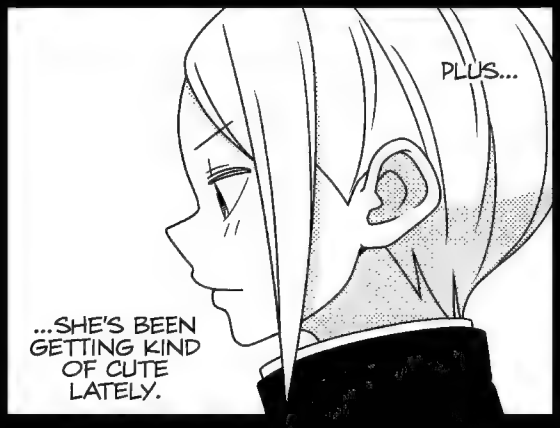

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I WENT HOME ALONE.
I ALWAYS GO HOME WITH KAORU.

HEY, KAORU,
I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF SOMETHING.
OKAY. I'LL WAIT BY THE LOCKERS, THEN.


THAT MIGHT'VE BEEN FINE UNTIL RECENTLY...
...BUT WE'RE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL NOW.


NAH.
JUST GO ON HOME WITHOUT ME.
YOU'LL BE FINE BY YOURSELF, RIGHT?
WELL, YEAH...

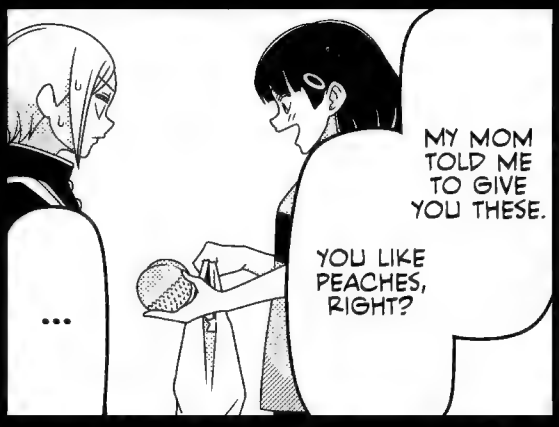
I DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE ANYTHING I NEED TO DO.
BUT IF RUMORS SPREAD BECAUSE WE'RE ALWAYS TOGETHER...
...I'M SURE SHE'D BE BOTHERED, TOO.

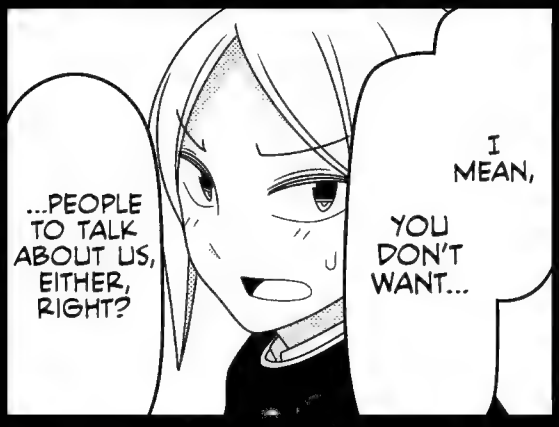

PLUS...
...SHE'S BEEN GETTING KIND OF CUTE LATELY.

HUH?
PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT US.
THEY THINK WE'RE DATING OR SOMETHING.
WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?

AH! YUUKI!
ARE YOU GOING HOME?!
!

WE'RE MIDDLE-SCHOOLERS NOW, AFTER ALL.
GOING TO SCHOOL TOGETHER...
...AND OVER TO EACH OTHER'S HOUSES PROBABLY ISN'T A GOOD IDEA.

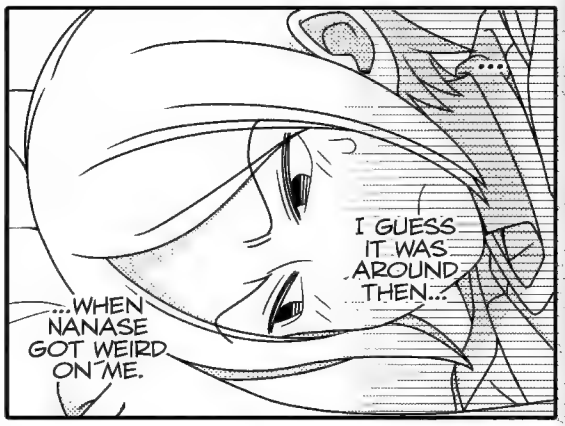

MY MOM TOLD ME TO GIVE YOU THESE.
YOU LIKE PEACHES, RIGHT?
...


I MEAN,
YOU DON'T WANT...
...PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT US, EITHER, RIGHT?

OH, AND...
CAN I COME OVER LATER?
WE CAN DO OUR ENGLISH HOMEWORK TOGETHER...

...
YEAH.
YOU'RE RIGHT.

HEY...
MAYBE WE SHOULD STOP...
...CALLING EACH OTHER BY OUR FIRST NAMES.


...
I GUESS IT WAS AROUND THEN...
...WHEN NANASE GOT WEIRD ON ME.

TAP
TAP
WEL-COME HOME.
HM? YOU DIDN'T GIVE HIM THE PEACHES?

IF NANASE STARTED HATING ME...
...BECAUSE OF WHAT I SAID BACK THEN...

FUMP
WHAT?
HE SAID... HE DOESN'T LIKE PEACHES ANYMORE.

CLACK
HE USED TO LOVE THEM... I GUESS HIS TASTE CHANGED OR SOME-THING.

HUH...?
THEN WHAT WAS THAT KISS ABOUT?!
END

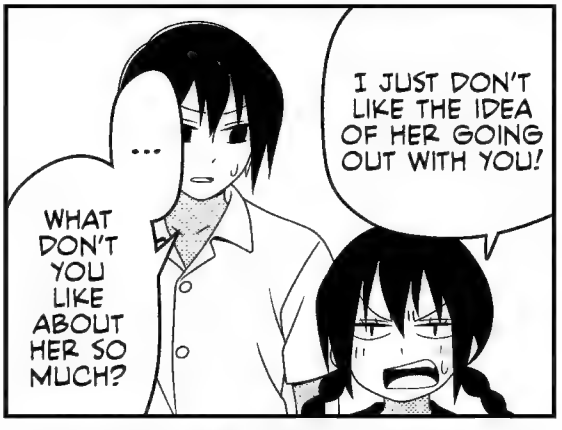
SHUT

T S U r e × D U r e

C H I L D R E N

HOTARU...
I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU STOP CLINGING TO ME.
I-I'M NOT CLINGY!

EXCUSE ME...
MY NAME IS HOTARU FURUYA.
IS MY OLDER BROTHER JUN IN THE CLASSROOM?
HUH?!


I JUST DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF HER GOING OUT WITH YOU!
...
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT HER SO MUCH?

NO WAY! FURUYA-KUN'S LITTLE SISTER?
YOU'VE REALLY GOT IT TOGETHER, HUH?
OH, NOT REALLY...

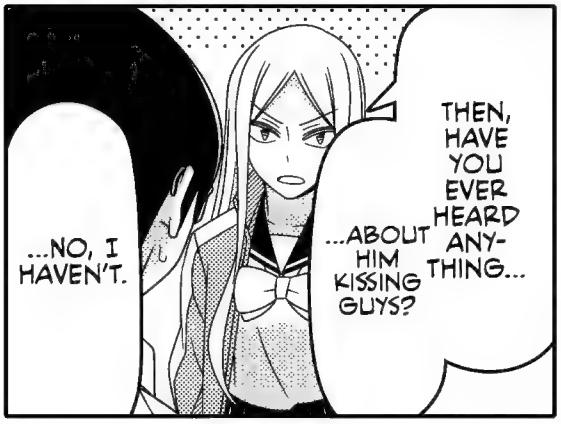
OH! HOTARU-CHAN!
HUH?
YOU KNOW HER, YUKI-CHAN?

HOW SHE MAKES YOU ACT ALL MUSHY!

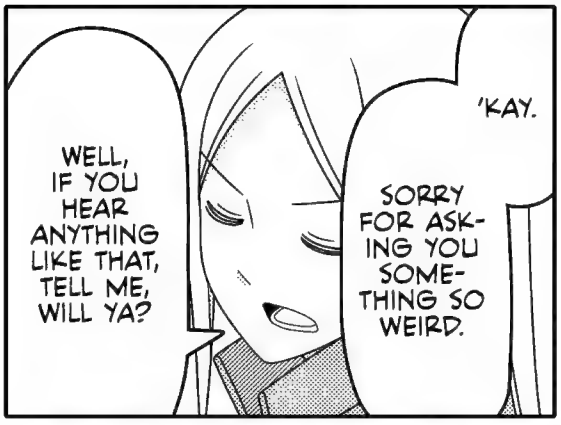
OH, YOU'RE HER FRIEND...
TCH
HM?

...
CAN'T SAY I HAVE.
I SEE...

I SEE THIS GIRL STAND OUTSIDE THE STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM A LOT LATELY.
OH!


THEN, HAVE YOU EVER HEARD ANY-THING...
...ABOUT HIM KISSING GUYS?
...NO, I HAVEN'T.

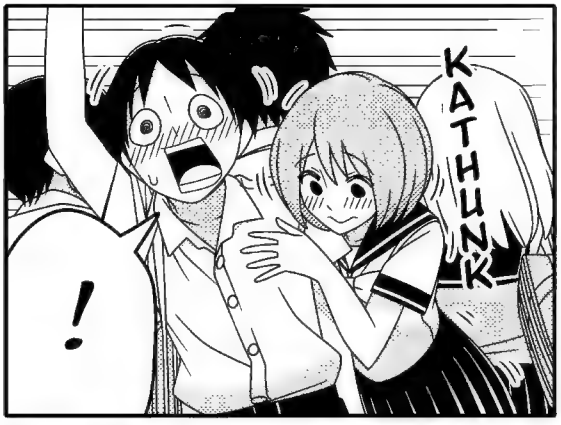
YOU. SONOBE, WAS IT?
HUH? WHAT IS IT? IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE PRESI-DENT...
NAH. I WANT TO ASK YOU SOMETHING.
OKAY...


'KAY.
SORRY FOR ASK-ING YOU SOME-THING SO WEIRD.
WELL, IF YOU HEAR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, TELL ME, WILL YA?

GLARE
HAVE YOU...
...EVER KISSED AKAGI?

...
WHAT'S SHE GOING TO DO WITH THAT IN-FORMATION?

WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT.


KATHUNK
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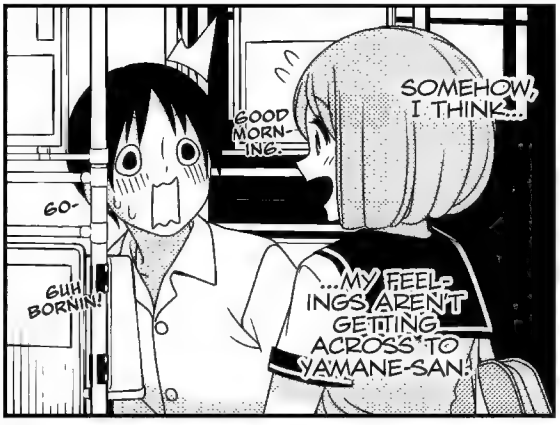
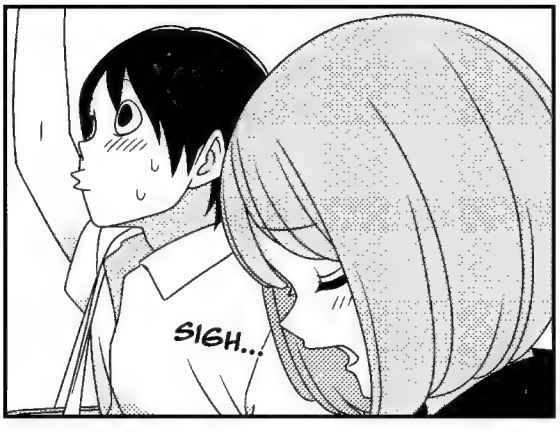

SOMEHOW, I THINK...
GOOD MORN-ING.
GO-
GUH BORNIN'
...MY FEEL-INGS AREN'T GETTING ACROSS TO YAMANE-SAN!

S-SORRY...
NO...
I'M SORRY, TOO!

MAYBE I SHOULD CONFESS TO HIM OUTRIGHT.
BUT AT THIS RATE, HE'LL PROBABLY JUST TURN ME DOWN.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?

NO, NO, I...
NO, NO, NO. I'M SORRY!

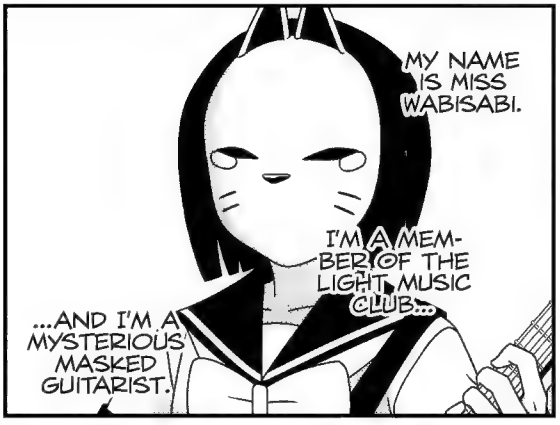

SIGH...

I ACTUALLY ENJOYED IT A LITTLE!
ANYWAY, I'M SORRY!

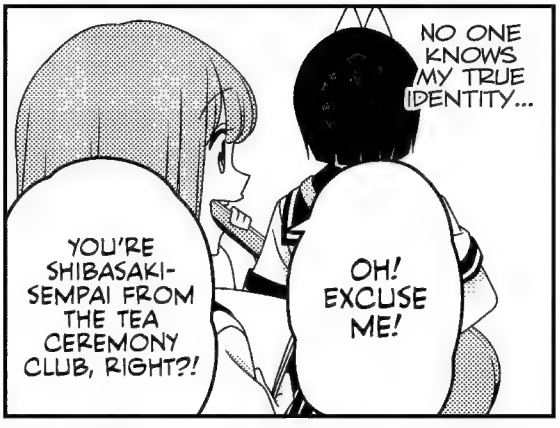
WHAT IF KURI-HARA-SAN WAS THINKING SOMETHING LIKE THAT?! DO-HO! NO WAY! GIRLS LIKE THAT DON'T EXIST OUTSIDE OF ROMCOMS!
HOW CAN I LET A SINGLE SIGH MAKE MY IMAG-INATION RUN WILD?! I SHOULD PROBA-BLY DROP DEAD.

I NEED TO GET OVER TAKANO.
SHE DOESN'T SEE ME AS BOYFRIEND MATERIAL, ANYWAY.
I FEEL LIKE TAKANO AND I...
...LOCK EYES A LOT RECENTLY.
PEEK
...
WHY, THOUGH?
COULD SHE...
PEEK
...
...
SIGH...
NAH...
IT'S JUST BECAUSE I'M LOOKING AT HER.

I WANNA BE POPULAR.

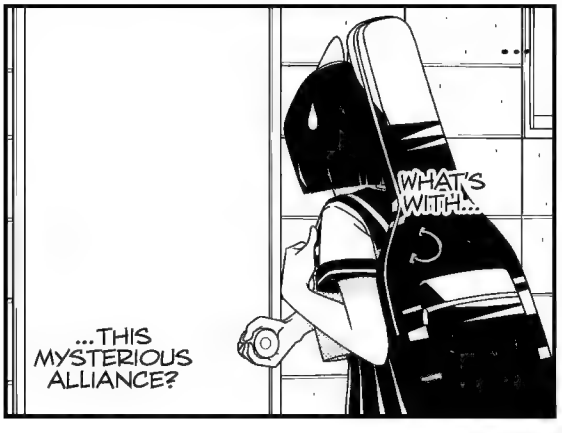

MY NAME IS MISS WABISABI.
I'M A MEMBER OF THE LIGHT MUSIC CLUB...
...AND I'M A MYSTERIOUS MASKED GUITARIST.

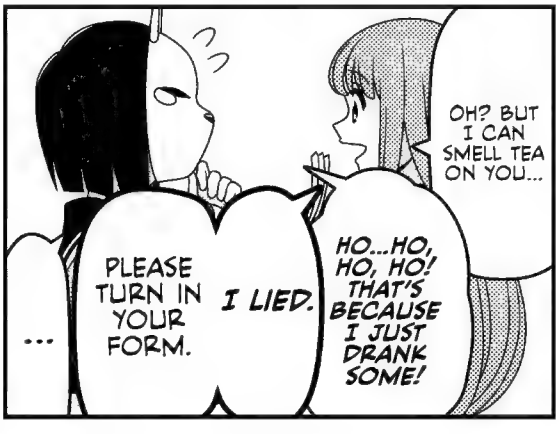
I FEEL YOU.


NO ONE KNOWS MY TRUE IDENTITY...
OH! EXCUSE ME!
YOU'RE SHIBASAKI-SEMPAI FROM THE TEA CEREMONY CLUB, RIGHT?!

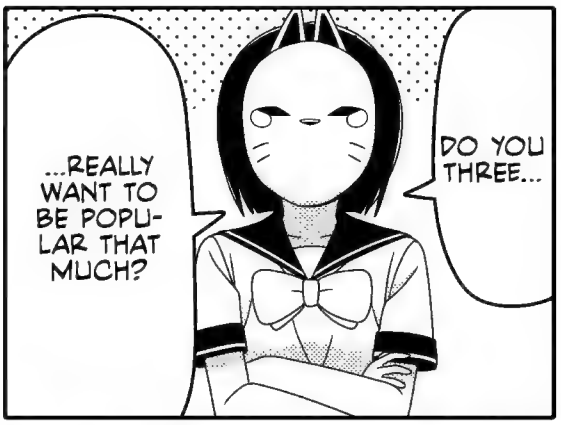
LET'S GO ALL OUT AT THIS YEAR'S CULTURE FESTIVAL.
HELL YEAH.
DAMN STRAIGHT.

I'M COLLECTING FORMS FOR THE CULTURE FESTIVAL, AND...
EXCUSE ME?
I'M NOT FROM THE TEA CEREMONY CLUB.


WHAT'S WITH...
...THIS MYSTERIOUS ALLIANCE?


OH? BUT I CAN SMELL TEA ON YOU...
HO...HO, HO, HO! THAT'S BECAUSE I JUST DRANK SOME!
I LIED.
PLEASE TURN IN YOUR FORM.
...

W-WELL, YOU AND I...
...ARE FELLOW GUITARISTS, RIGHT?
HOW CAN WE MAKE GOOD MUSIC IF WE'RE UNSURE OF EACH OTHER'S INTENTS?


DO YOU THREE...
...REALLY WANT TO BE POPULAR THAT MUCH?

DO YOU THINK...
...I'M SO DESPERATE...
...THAT I'D MAKE A MOVE ON YOU?

WELL, YEAH, RIGHT?
UH-HUH.

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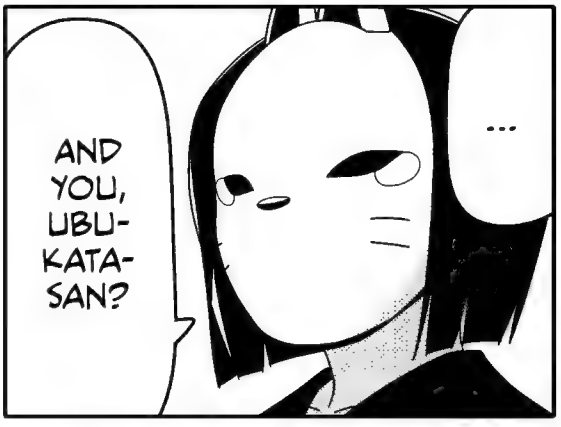
...
AND YOU, UBUKATA-SAN?

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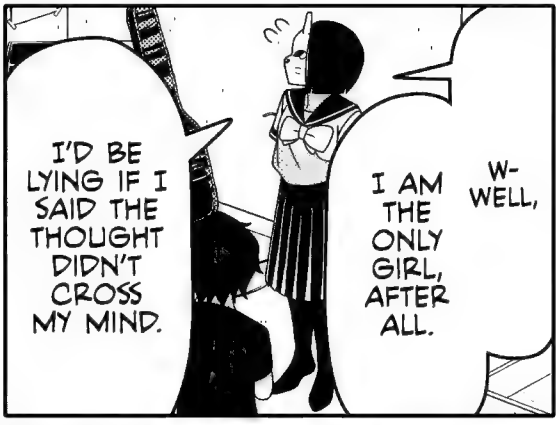
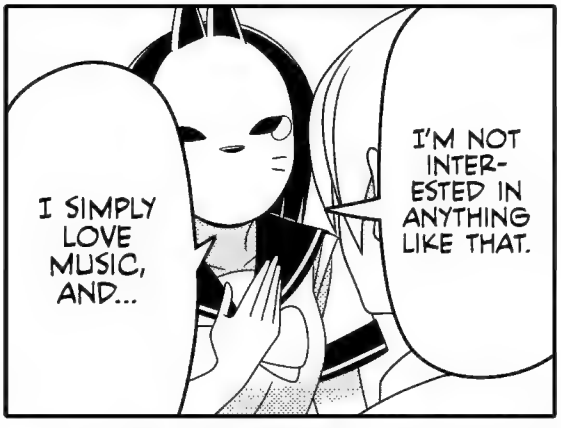
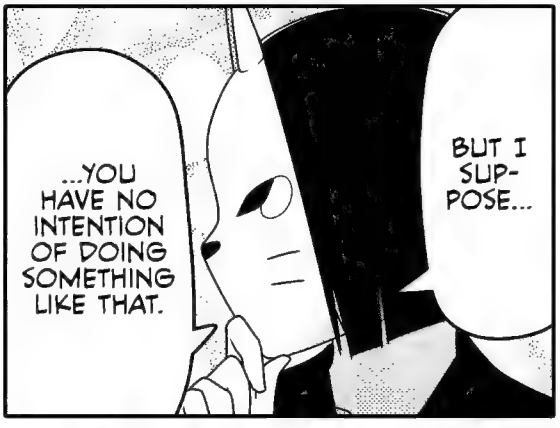
...
WHY ARE YOU SINGLING ME OUT?

BUT SHI-BA—
MISS WABI-SABI?
DON'T YOU WANT TO BE POPULAR, TOO?


W-WELL,
I AM THE ONLY GIRL, AFTER ALL.
I'D BE LYING IF I SAID THE THOUGHT DIDN'T CROSS MY MIND.


I'M NOT INTER-ESTED IN ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
I SIMPLY LOVE MUSIC, AND...


BUT I SUP-POSE...
...YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF DOING SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

WHAT ABOUT GUYS WHO ARE GOOD AT GUITAR?
DO YOU LIKE THEM?

DAMN RIGHT I DON'T!

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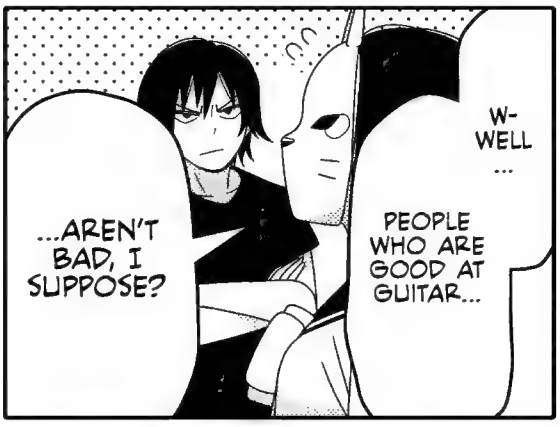
AHH...
THANK GOOD-NESS!

ジロ…ト
WHA?!
I GIVE IT A REST. I CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOUR GUYS' SCHEMING.


W-WELL...
PEOPLE WHO ARE GOOD AT GUITAR...
...AREN'T BAD, I SUPPOSE?

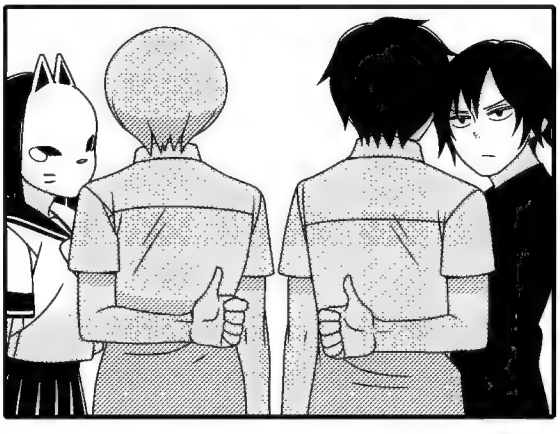
S-SCHEMING?
WHAT, YOU DON'T GET IT?

THEN UBUKATA—
OH, NO...
I DON'T THINK UBUKATA-SAN IS THAT GOOD...

THESE GUYS... ARE TRYING TO KEEP US FROM FIGHTING...
...SO THE BAND STAYS IN ONE PIECE!
SHEESH.

NO, I MEAN, WHAT WOULD YOU THINK ABOUT UBUKATA...
...IF HE GOT EVEN BETTER AT GUITAR?

TOO BAD! THE CORRECT ANSWER WAS... "WE WANT YOU GUYS TO GET MARRIED!"
AW, MAN!
BUSTED!



T S U r e × D U r e

C H I L D R E N

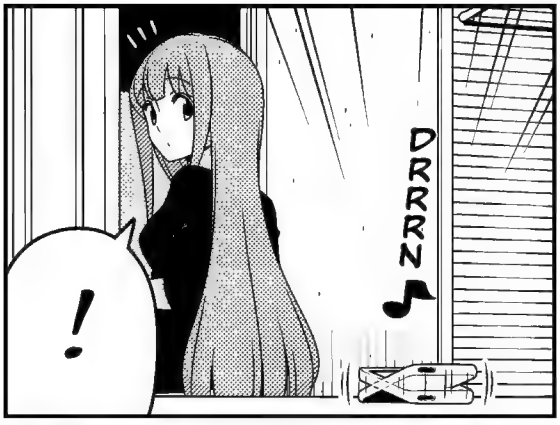
Trap

MY BROTHER'S BEEN GRINNING TO HIMSELF WHILE USING LINE LATELY.
HE'S PROBABLY TALKING TO A WOMAN.

ONII-CHAN, THE BATH'S FREE.
HM? I'LL TAKE ONE LATER.
MOM SAID TO HURRY UP!
A-ALL RIGHT, FINE.

SHUF
SHUF

NOW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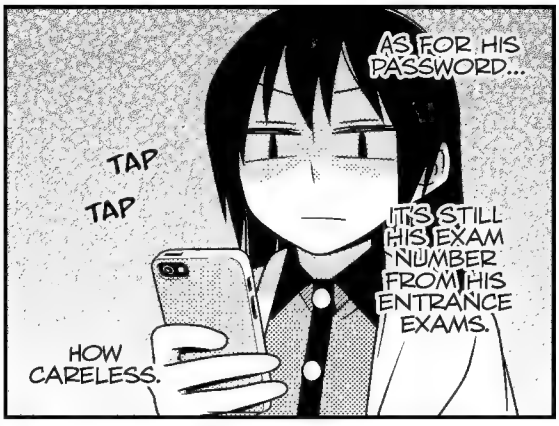
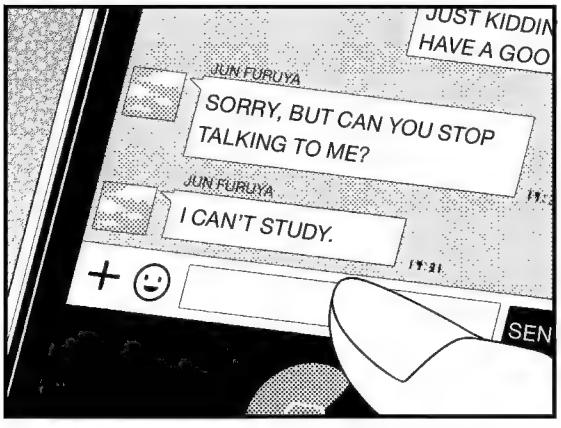
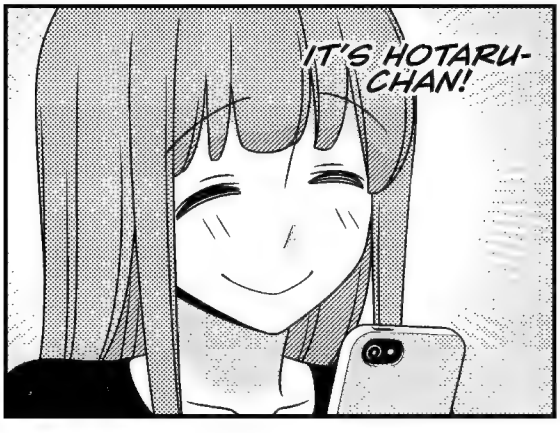

AS FOR HIS PASSWORD...
TAP
TAP
IT'S STILL HIS EXAM NUMBER FROM HIS ENTRANCE EXAMS.
HOW CARELESS.


JUST KIDDIN
HAVE A GOO
JUN FURUYA
SORRY, BUT CAN YOU STOP TALKING TO ME?
JUN FURUYA
I CAN'T STUDY.
SEN

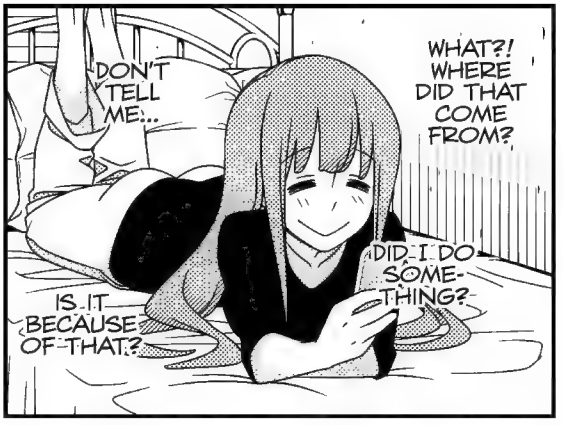
I THINK I'LL TAKE A BATH NOW, TOO. (* *)
YUKI MINAGAWA
HEY! YOU JUST THOUGHT SOMETHING NAUGHTY, DIDN'T YOU? (¬_¬)
YUKI MINAGAWA
JUST KIDDING! HAVE A NICE BATH.
YUKI MINAGAWA...

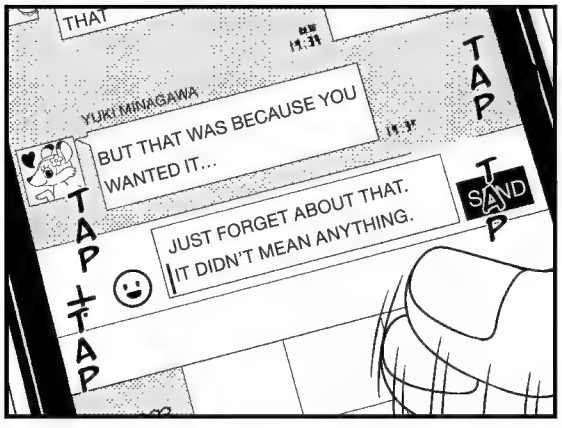
I KNEW IT. IT'S HER...
THAT SHE-DEVIL TOYING WITH ONII-CHAN'S HEART.


IT'S HOTARU-CHAN!

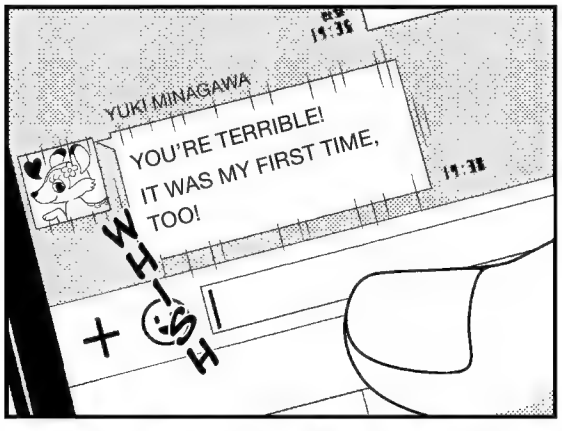
GLARE
I'LL SET YOU STRAIGHT!

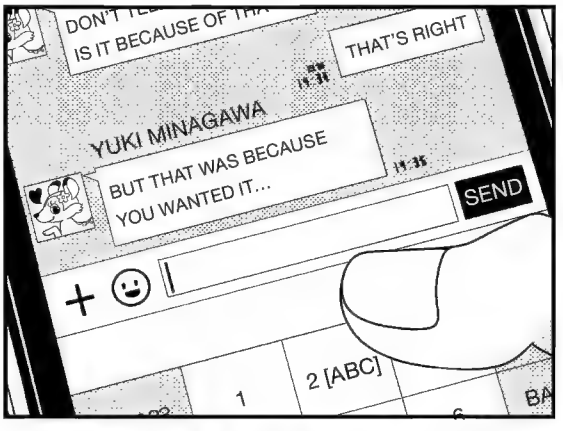
DID SHE GIVE HIM HER NOTES OR SOMETHING?
I DON'T REALLY FOLLOW, BUT I'LL JUST SNAP AT HER.


WHAT?! WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?
DON'T TELL ME...
DID I DO SOMETHING?
IS IT BECAUSE OF THAT?


THAT
YUKI MINAGAWA
BUT THAT WAS BECAUSE YOU WANTED IT...
JUST FORGET ABOUT THAT. IT DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING.
SEND
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP

"THAT"...?
DID SHE DO SOMETHING TO MAKE HIM ANGRY?
WELL, I WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST HER.


YUKI MINAGAWA
YOU'RE TERRIBLE! IT WAS MY FIRST TIME, TOO!
WHISH


IS IT BECAUSE OF THA
THAT'S RIGHT
YUKI MINAGAWA
BUT THAT WAS BECAUSE YOU WANTED IT...
SEND
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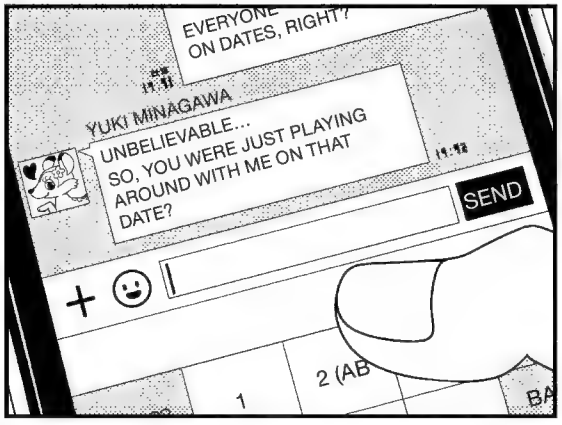
FIRST TIME...?
FOR WHAT?!

WANTED IT...?
WANTED WHAT?


EVERYONE
ON DATES, RIGHT?
YUKI MINAGAWA
UNBELIEVABLE...
SO, YOU WERE JUST PLAYING AROUND WITH ME ON THAT DATE?
SEND
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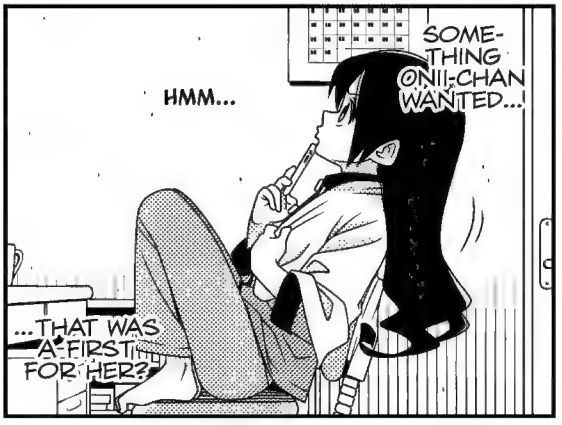
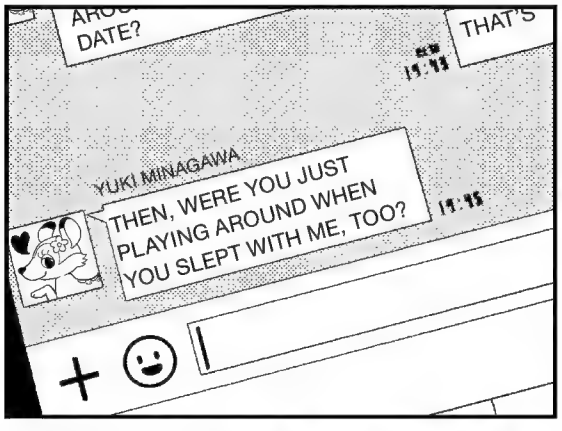
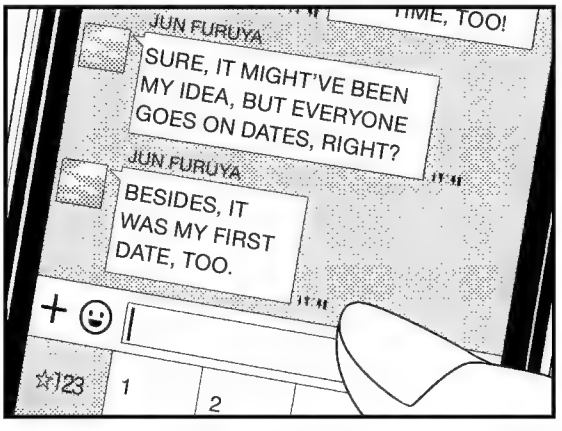

HMM...
SOME-THING ONII-CHAN WANTED...!
...THAT WAS A FIRST FOR HER?

I THOUGHT IT WAS WEIRD WHEN HE CAME HOME LATE THE OTHER DAY.
HE MUST'VE GONE SOME-WHERE WITH HER...
HAH! I KNEW IT!

AH!
DON'T TELL ME...


DATE?
THAT'S
YUKI MINAGAWA
THEN, WERE YOU JUST PLAYING AROUND WHEN YOU SLEPT WITH ME, TOO?


TIME, TOO!
JUN FURUYA
SURE, IT MIGHT'VE BEEN MY IDEA, BUT EVERYONE GOES ON DATES, RIGHT?
JUN FURUYA
BESIDES, IT WAS MY FIRST DATE, TOO.
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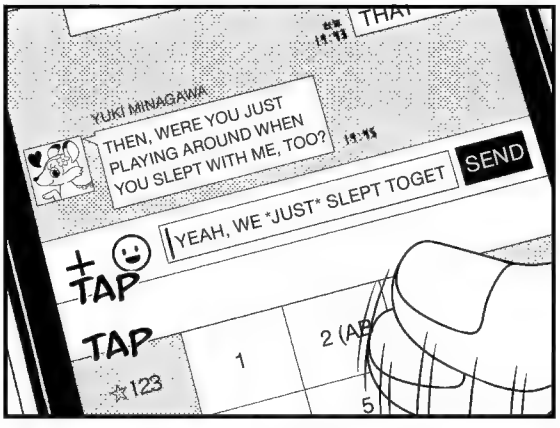
WHAAAA?

SHE DOESN'T GET IT!
I KNEW IT!

WANTED IT...
FIRST...
SLEEP...
BABY...

SLEEP WITH HER?
A NAP IN THE MIDDLE OF A DATE?!
DID THEY TAKE A NAP TOGETHER OR SOMETHING?
THAT'S PRETTY WEIRD, ONII-CHAN.

TAK


YUKI MINAGAWA
THEN, WERE YOU JUST PLAYING AROUND WHEN YOU SLEPT WITH ME, TOO?
SEND
TAP
TAP

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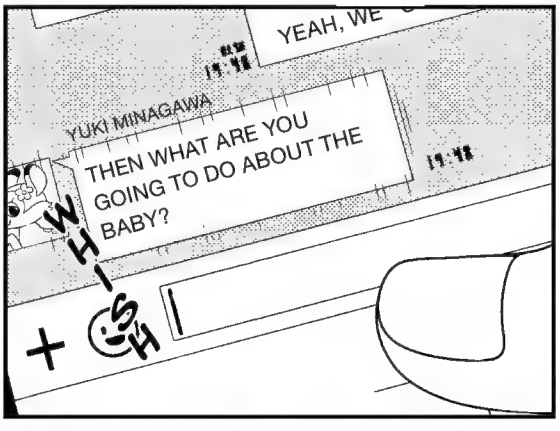

YUKI MINAGAWA
THEN WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT THE BABY?
WHISH

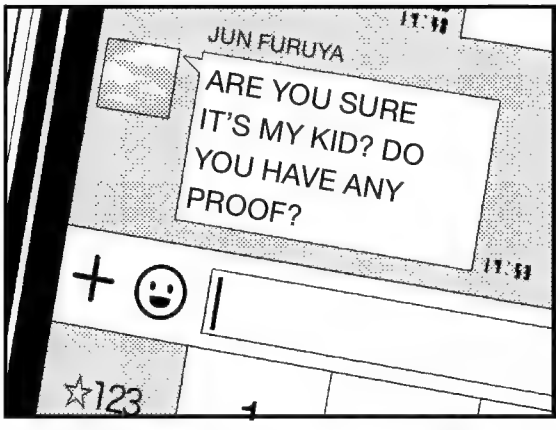
OH, MY
GOOOOOOD!

?!

HUH? WHAT'RE YOU DOING, HOTARU?
THAT'S MY PHONE...
THEY'RE STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL ...
Y-YOU'RE KIDDING ...

B-B-BUT YOU CAN'T...
...MAKE A BABY WITHOUT DOING THAT.
THERE'S NO WAY ONII-CHAN WOULD...

MOOOOM!
WHA?!
HOTA-RU?!


JUN FURUYA
ARE YOU SURE IT'S MY KID? DO YOU HAVE ANY PROOF?
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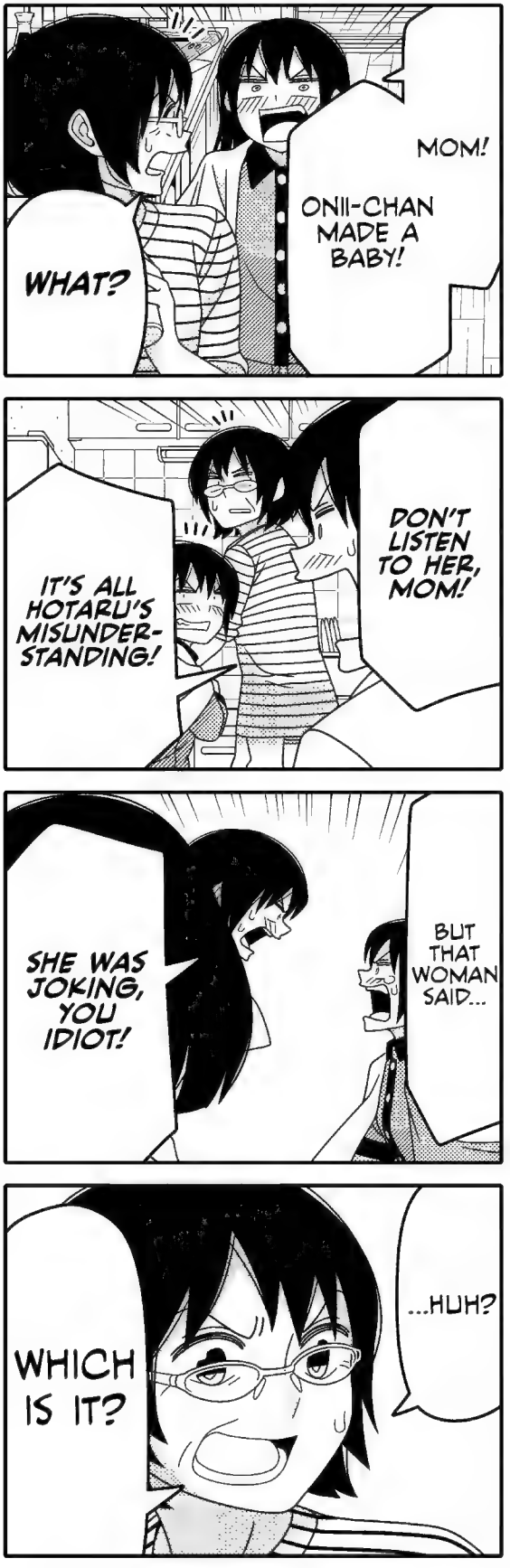
MAN...
WHAT'S WITH HER?
...

I HAVEN'T SLEPT WITH ANYONE BUT YOU...
FURUYA-KUN!

HOTA-RU?!
END

GAAAA
AAAHH

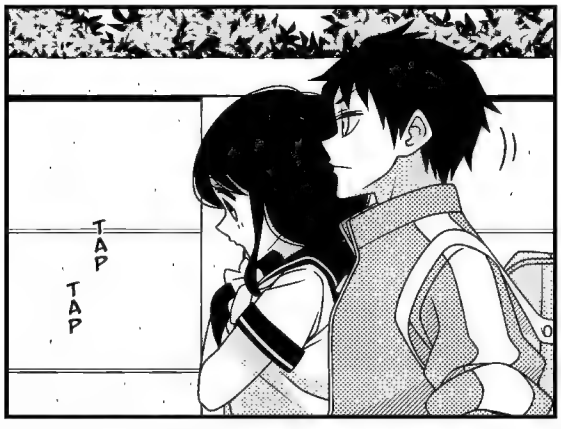

MOM!
ONII-CHAN MADE A BABY!
WHAT?
DON'T LISTEN TO HER, MOM!
IT'S ALL HOTARU'S MISUNDER-STANDING!
BUT THAT WOMAN SAID...
SHE WAS JOKING, YOU IDIOT!
...HUH?
WHICH IS IT?

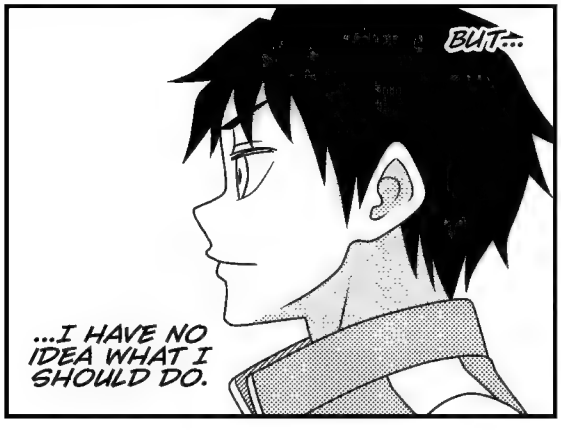
HOTARU ...
YOU SHOULDN'T LOOK THROUGH OTHER PEOPLE'S PHONES.
YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL NOW!
STOP CLINGING TO YOUR BROTHER SO MUCH!
...
BESIDES...
YOU KNOW YOUR BROTHER DOESN'T HAVE THE GUTS TO DO THAT.
SIGH...
SHAKE SHAKE

Tell Me

A GIRL IN CLASS CONFESSED TO ME...
I LIKE YOU.
...SO WE'RE GOING OUT NOW.

UNTIL THEN, I HADN'T REALLY THOUGHT MUCH OF HER...
...BUT EVER SINCE WE STARTED DATING, I FEEL LIKE I WANT TO CHERISH HER.


TAP
TAP


BUT...
...I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I SHOULD DO.

THERE IS SOME-THING?
OH...
IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL OR ANY-THING!

KAMINE,
DO YOU ENJOY BEING WITH ME?
HUH? UM, YEAH!

I'M TRYING TO UNDER-STAND HOW YOU FEEL, GODA-KUN...
...BUT I'D LIKE TO HEAR IT SOON.
OR RATHER, I'D LIKE YOU TO BE CLEAR ABOUT IT...

I SEE...
I'M NOT REALLY GOOD WITH THIS KINDA THING...
...SO IF ANYTHING'S BUGGING YOU, FEEL FREE TO LET ME KNOW.

THAT YOU...
...LIKE ME.

IN THAT CASE...
...CAN I ASK YOU ONE THING?

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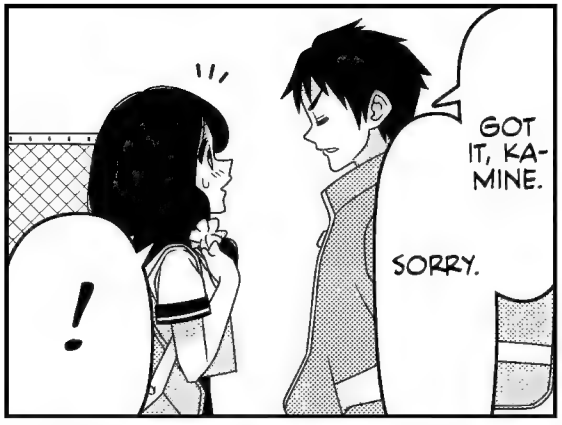
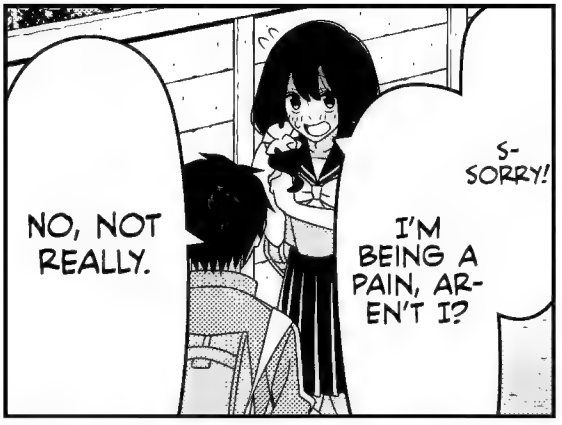

GOT IT, KA-MINE.
SORRY.
!


S-SORRY!
I'M BEING A PAIN, AR-EN'T I?
NO, NOT REALLY.

UNTIL NOW, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO PUT MY FEELINGS INTO WORDS...
...BUT I'LL TRY HARDER FROM NOW ON.

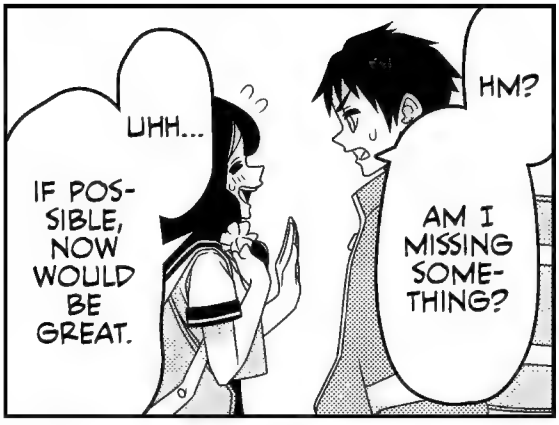
WELL...
BUT WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN?
EVEN I THINK IT'S KIND OF SILLY.

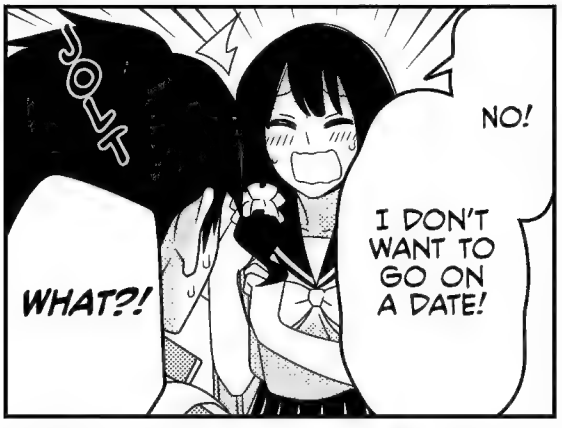
BUT I WANT TO HEAR YOU SAY IT.

UMM...
I DON'T MEAN FROM NOW ON.

...

WHY DON'T WE GO SOME-WHERE?
IT MIGHT SOUND KIND OF CREEPY...
...BUT WE COULD CALL IT OUR FIRST DATE.


HM?
AM I MISSING SOME-THING?
UHH...
IF POS-SIBLE, NOW WOULD BE GREAT.


NO!
I DON'T WANT TO GO ON A DATE!
SOUP
WHAT?!

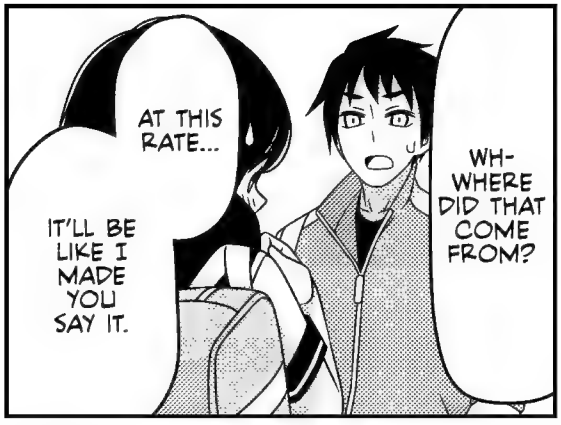
GOOD POINT.
I SHOULD SHOW MY SINCERI-TY RIGHT AWAY.
HUH? NO, I JUST...

RIGHT NOW, I JUST WANT...
...TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT YOU LIKE ME!

KAMINE.
IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT ME TO DO?!
GLINT

...?!
WHY?!

UHHH!
ERRR!


WH-WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?
AT THIS RATE...
IT'LL BE LIKE I MADE YOU SAY IT.

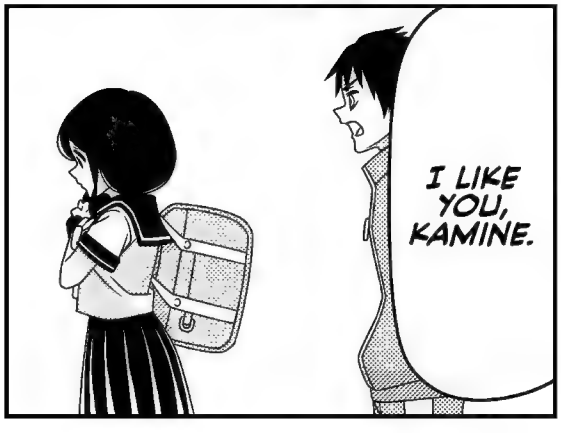
I MEAN, YOU HAVEN'T EVEN SAID IT YET, GODA-KUN.
I...I HAVEN'T?!

I'M SORRY...
I REAL-LY PUT YOU ON THE SPOT THERE.
NO, I'M SORRY, TOO...

I'D LIKE TO GO ON DATES, TOO...
...BUT I REALLY JUST WANT TO HEAR IT IN WORDS.

ANYWAY!
AS FOR OUR DATE...
...WHERE SHOULD WE GO?

I SEE...
ALL RIGHT...


I LIKE YOU, KAMINE.

BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO NOW.

...
KA-
MINE?
...

KAMINE.
I LIKE
YOU.

SORRY...
I
SHOULD'VE
SAID IT
SOONER.
I'M JUST
TOO
DENSE.

I KNOW
AT THIS
POINT,
IT MIGHT
JUST
SOUND
LIKE I'M
FORC-
ING IT.
BUT I
LIKE
YOU.

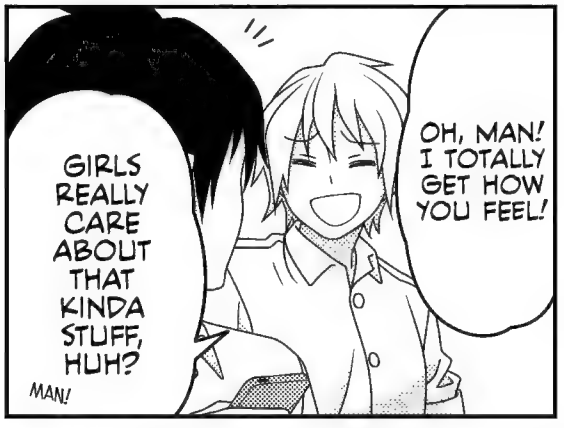
I
LIKE
YOU.
REALLY.
FROM
THE
BOTTOM
OF MY
HEART.

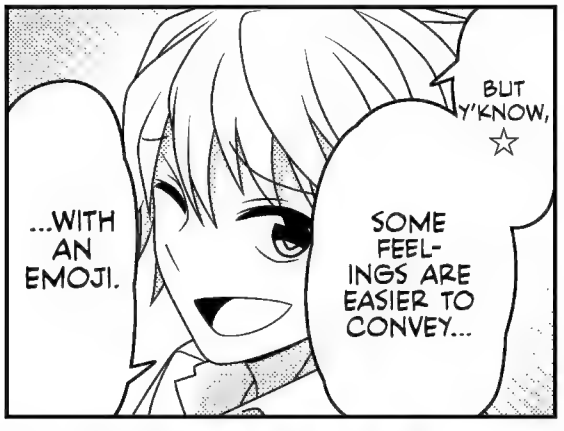
WHAT'S
WRONG?
YOUR
FACE
IS BEET
RED!
ARE YOU
MAD?
END

...I
LIKE
YOU!

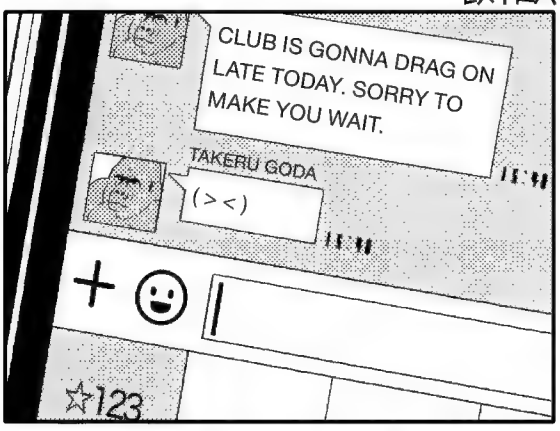
EXTRA

I GOT MY FIRST GIRL-FRIEND RECENTLY.
SHOULD I USE EMOJIS?
BUT THAT'S KINDA TOO DIFFERENT FROM HOW I USUALLY ACT.


OH, MAN! I TOTALLY GET HOW YOU FEEL!
GIRLS REALLY CARE ABOUT THAT KINDA STUFF, HUH?
MAN!


BUT Y'KNOW, ☆
SOME FEEL-INGS ARE EASIER TO CONVEY...
...WITH AN EMOJI.

...
WHO'S HE?!


CLUB IS GONNA DRAG ON LATE TODAY. SORRY TO MAKE YOU WAIT.
TAKERU GODA
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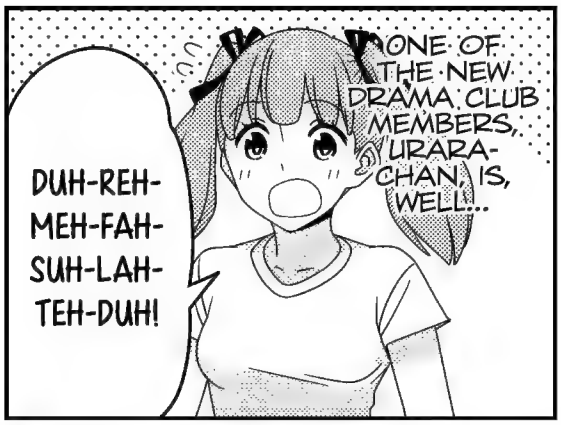
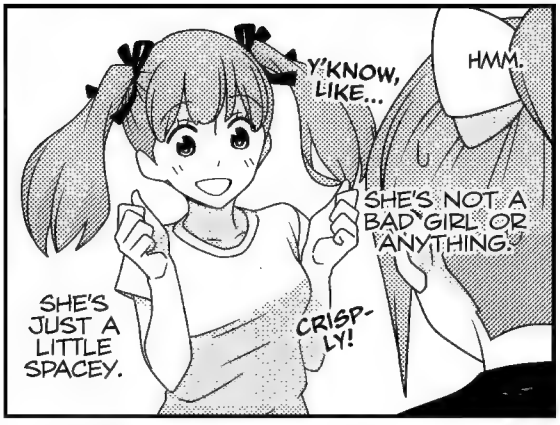
SORRY TO MAKE YOU WAIT.

THAT'S SO CUUUTE!

Making Juniors Cry



I THINK THE WAY YOU SPEAK IS CUTE AND ALL,
BUT THIS IS VOICE TRAINING, AFTER ALL.
FEHH?
IT'S NOT CUTE AT ALL!


HMM.
Y'KNOW, LIKE...
SHE'S NOT A BAD GIRL OR ANYTHING.
SHE'S JUST A LITTLE SPACEY.
CRISP-LY!

NO, NO.
I DIDN'T MEAN THAT AS A COM-PLIMENT.
HWEH?!

TRY BEING MORE CLEAR WITH YOUR PRONUN-CIATION.
DO-RE-MI-FA-SO!
I'LL JUST TAKE THE TIME TO TEACH HER GRADUALLY...

ANYWAY, TRY TO SPEAK NORMALLY RIGHT NOW, OKAY?
UMUU?

YOU SOUND SO COOL, SEMPAI!
FWAHH!

YEAH...
LET'S JUST DROP THE WEIRD VOICES.
HWEHHH?!

UH-HUH...
PAY ATTENTION NOW, OKAY?

DO YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT I'M SAYING?
NO, NO, NO.
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE PLAYING, RIGHT?
I WON'T PLAY ALONG.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING THROUGH HER HEAD.
IT'S NO USE.

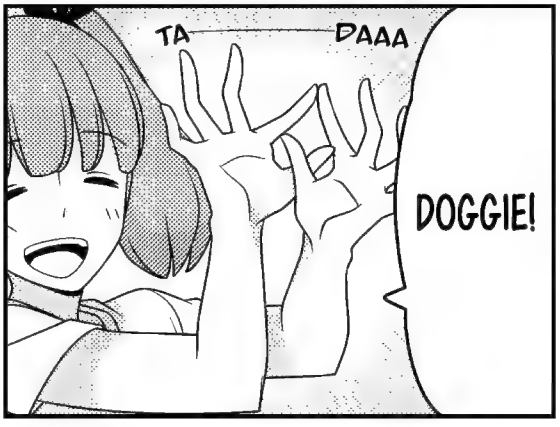
I'M SORRY...
IT'S FINE. AT LONG AS YOU UNDER-STAND.
I'M NOT MAD OR ANYTHING.

IF ONLY SEMPAI WERE HERE...
WAIT, I'M THE NEXT CLUB PRESIDENT.
I HAVE TO KEEP IT TOGETHER...

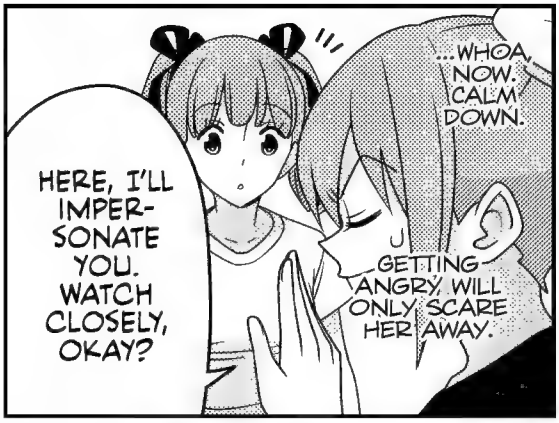
I DON'T UNDER-STAND...

...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

HEEEEY!
SLAP


TA DAAA
DOGGIE!

HWEH?!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
WHY WON'T YOU TAKE ME SERIOUSLY?
ARE YOU JUST MESSING AROUND?!


...WHOA. NOW. CALM DOWN.
GETTING ANGRY WILL ONLY SCARE HER AWAY.
HERE, I'LL IMPERSONATE YOU. WATCH CLOSELY, OKAY?

IT'S JUST...
I'M SO CLUMSY.
AND I'M ALWAYS MAKING PEOPLE HUFFY-PUFFY.

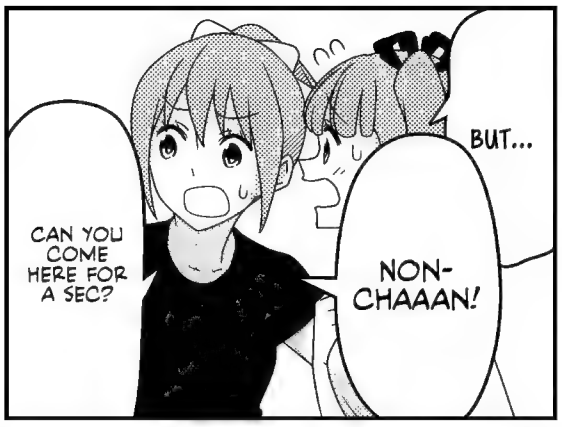
DUH-REH-MEH-FAH-SUH...
...LAH-TEE-DOH!

I JUST WANTED...
...TO MAKE MATSURA-SEMPAI ALL FLUFFA-WUFF...
...SO I JUST TRIED TO MEW-MEW A BIT...

FWAH!
YOU'RE SO CUTE, SEMPAI!
GIGGLE

?!

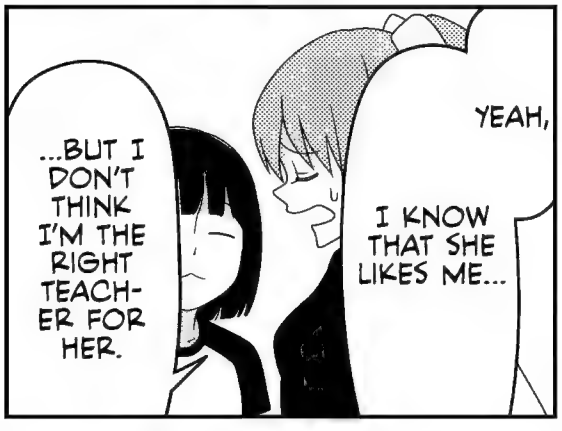
BWOOOHHH!


CAN YOU COME HERE FOR A SEC?
NON-CHAAAN!
BUT...

I DON'T REALLY FOLLOW,
BUT I'LL HAVE SOMEONE ELSE TEACH YOU.
FWEH?!

ABOUT URARA-CHAN...
...

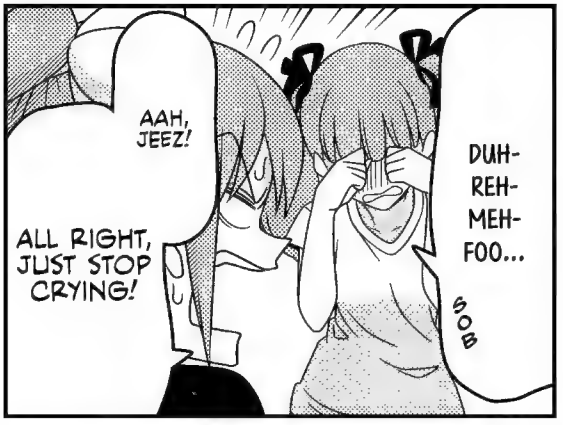
BUT I WANT YOU TO TEACH ME, MATSURA-SEMPAI!
HUH? WHY?

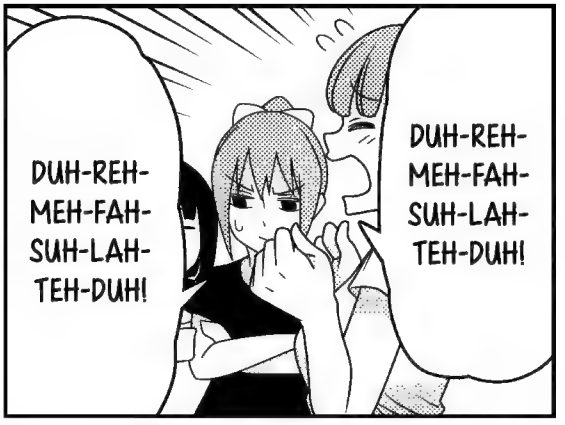

YEAH,
I KNOW THAT SHE LIKES ME...
...BUT I DON'T THINK I'M THE RIGHT TEACH-ER FOR HER.

UMM...
JUST CUZ'?

DUH-REH-MEH-FAH-SUH-LAH-TEH-DUH!

CHANGE!


DUH-REH-MEH-FOO...
SOB
AAH, JEEZ!
ALL RIGHT, JUST STOP CRYING!


DUH-REH-MEH-FAH-SUH-LAH-TEH-DUH!
DUH-REH-MEH-FAH-SUH-LAH-TEH-DUH!

I'LL LOOK AFTER YOUR PRACTICE ONE MORE TIME...
...SO PAY ATTEN-TION TO WHAT I SAY, OKAY?

SHE'S WAY OFF...
...BUT SHE'S TRYING.

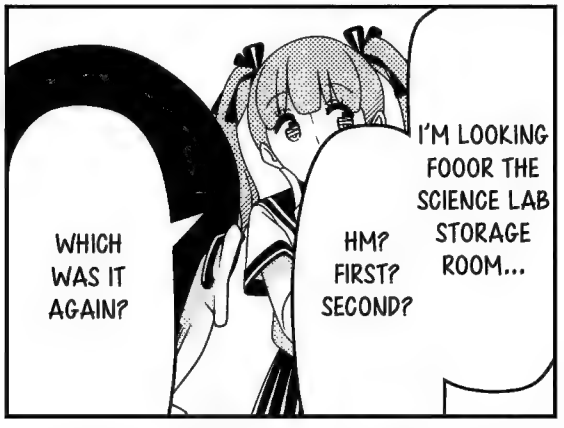
FWEH?

DUH-REH-MEH-FAH-SUH-LAH-TEH-DUH!
DUH-REH-MEH-FAH-SUH-LAH-TEH-DUH!

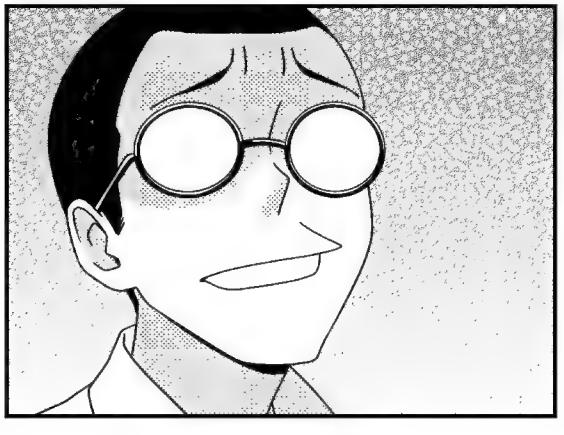
FWEH?
FWEHH?
END

SHE'S A TOTAL DITZ...
...BUT SHE'S DEFINITELY MOTIVATED.

UMM...
SORRY TO BUTH—
OOPS! I FUMBLED...
THINK TOTORO!


I'M LOOKING FOOOR THE SCIENCE LAB STORAGE ROOM...
HM? FIRST? SECOND?
WHICH WAS IT AGAIN?

ANY-WAY,
I'M LOOK-ING FOR THE COOKING ROOM!
DO YOU KNOW WHUR...
AAH! I FUMBLED AGAIN!
STUPID, STUPID!



HEY, AYAYA,
DID KATORI-SEMPAI SKIP CLUB AGAIN?
YEAH... BY THE WAY,
DO YOU SERIOUSLY LIKE HIM, KAZUKO?

SWIF
DON'T TRY TO STOP ME!
I KNOW WE'RE NOT RIGHT FOR EACH OTHER!
BUT EVEN SO, I'M THE ONLY ONE...
WHO CAN CATCH UP TO SEMPAI!

SWIF
I MEAN ...
THAT'S FINE AND ALL.
I'M JUST SAYING, MAY-BE YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR OPTIONS OPEN...

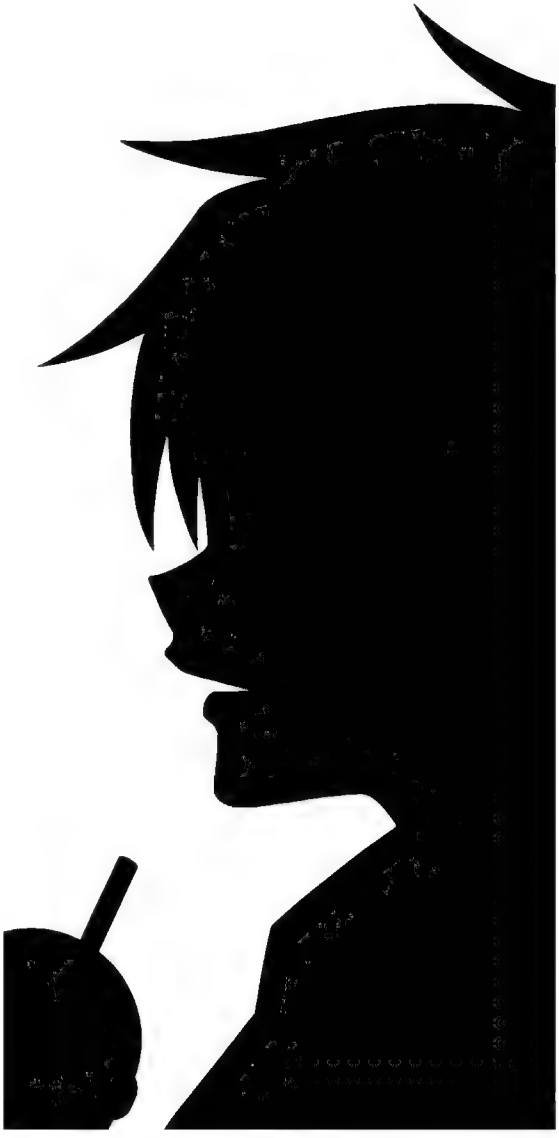
Dry

A GUY FRIEND CONFESSED TO ME.
HEY,
I THINK I PROBABLY LIKE YOU.

...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, PROBABLY?

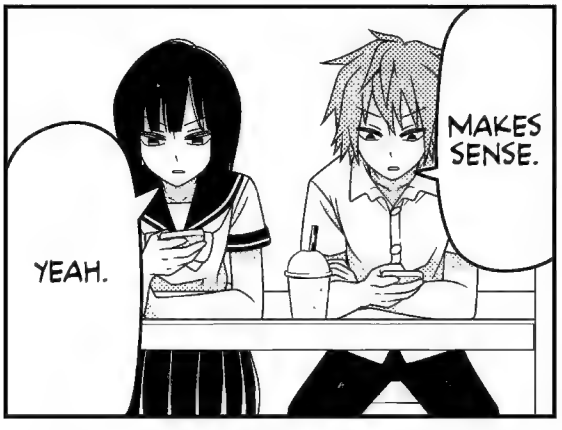
WELL,
I'VE NEVER FALLEN FOR ANYONE BEFORE...
...SO I DON'T REALLY KNOW.

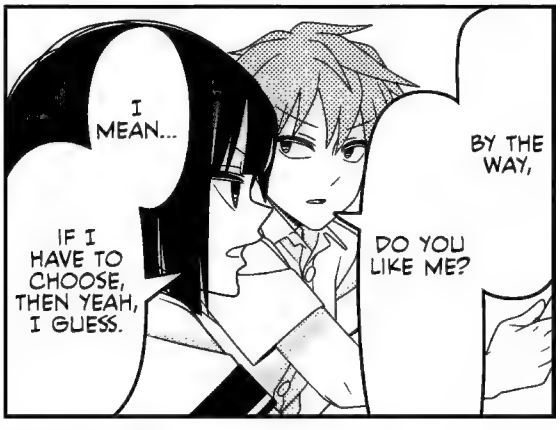
...
I GET YOU.

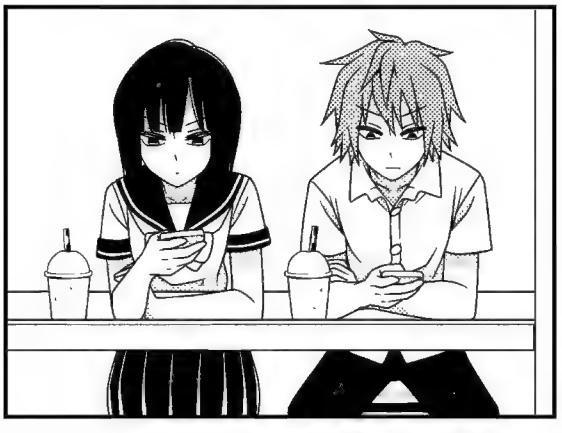


...
JUST WHAT-EVER?
PRETTY MUCH.
I'M FINE WITH NOT DATING, TOO.

YOU DO?
TOTALLY.
THE SAME GOES FOR ME.


MAKES SENSE.
YEAH.


I MEAN...
IF I HAVE TO CHOOSE, THEN YEAH, I GUESS.
BY THE WAY,
DO YOU LIKE ME?



WANNA GO OUT?
SO, WHAT NOW?

I MEAN,
WHAT-EVER. EITHER WAY.
SO, WE'RE NOT GOING OUT, THEN?

WHAT-EVER.
MMM...

BUT...
YOU JUST SAID YOU LIKE ME, RIGHT?
YEAH, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE HAVE TO DATE.
THERE MIGHT BE BETTER PEOPLE OUT THERE FOR BOTH OF US, TOO.

COULD YOU, LIKE,
DECIDE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER?
WHAAAT?

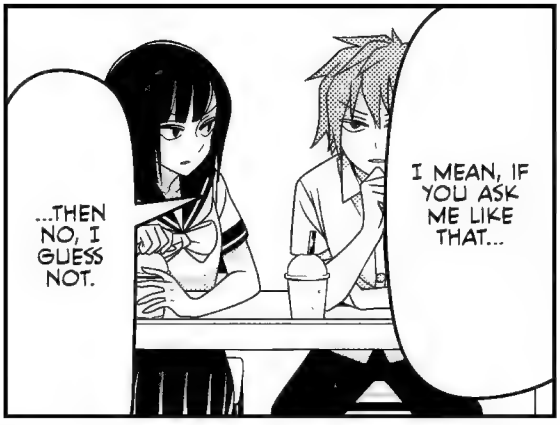
BUT, LIKE,
I THINK ...
...YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE FOR ME.

OKAY.
NO, THEN.

...
FOR REAL?

WELL...
MAYBE? I DUNNO.

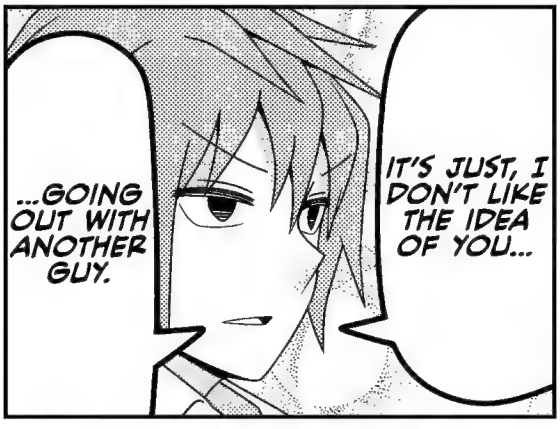
UHH...
WHAT?


I MEAN, IF YOU ASK ME LIKE THAT...
...THEN NO, I GUESS NOT.

...
SO, YOU DON'T KNOW?
MMM...
YEAH. IS THAT WRONG?

FINE, THEN.
WE DON'T HAVE TO FORCE OURSELVES TO GO OUT.

NO, BUT...
...DO YOU WANT TO GO OUT THAT BADLY?


IT'S JUST, I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF YOU...
...GOING OUT WITH ANOTHER GUY.

HUH?
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
ARE YOU FINE WITH ME GOING OUT WITH ANOTHER GIRL?
WHATEVER. DO WHAT YOU WANT.

SO, LIKE,
RATHER THAN WANTING TO GO OUT...
...IT'S MORE LIKE I DON'T WANT ANY-ONE ELSE TO TAKE YOU.

I JUST DON'T SEE THE POINT OF SAYING, "I'D HATE THAT," AND TYING PEOPLE DOWN LIKE THAT.
YEAH...
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

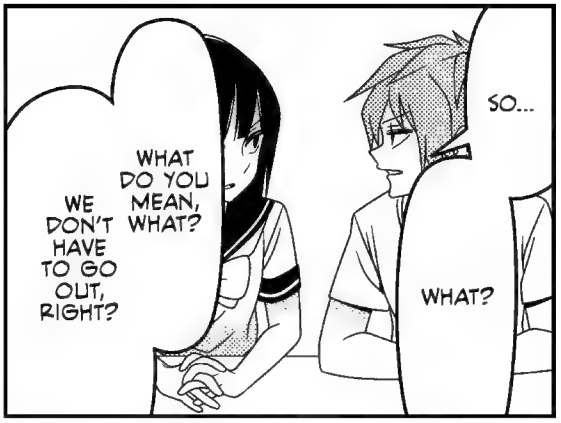
MMM...
...SERI-OUSLY?
YEAH, PRETTY SERIOUS.

WELL...
I'D HATE THAT, TOO, THOUGH.

HMM.
'ZAT RIGHT?

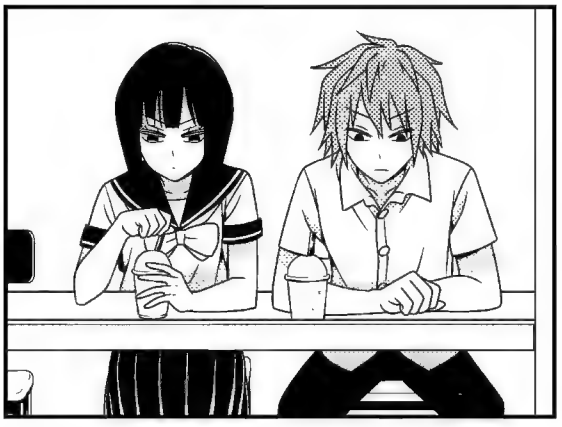
HMM.
HMM.

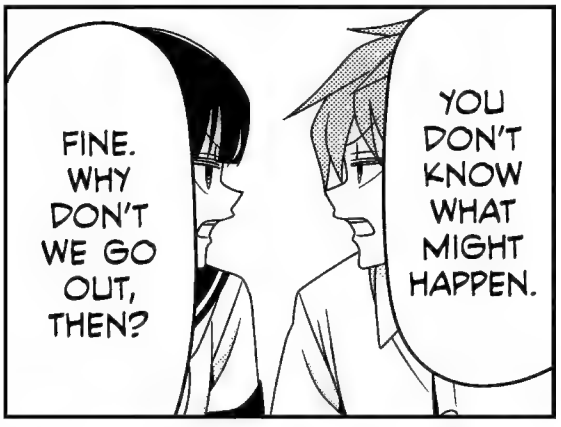
...YOU SURE?
WHAT-EVER.
IT'S MORE OF A PAIN TO KEEP WORRYING ABOUT IT.

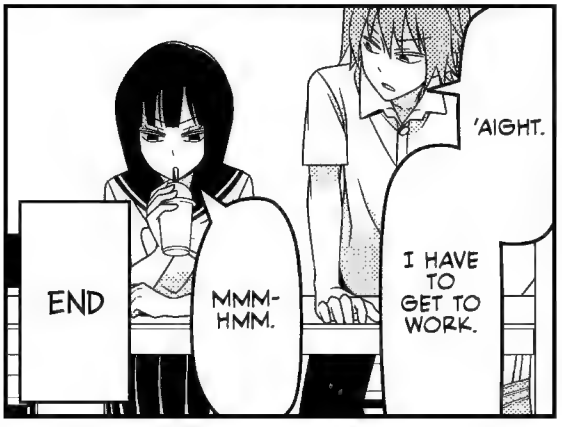

SO...
WHAT?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WHAT?
WE DON'T HAVE TO GO OUT, RIGHT?

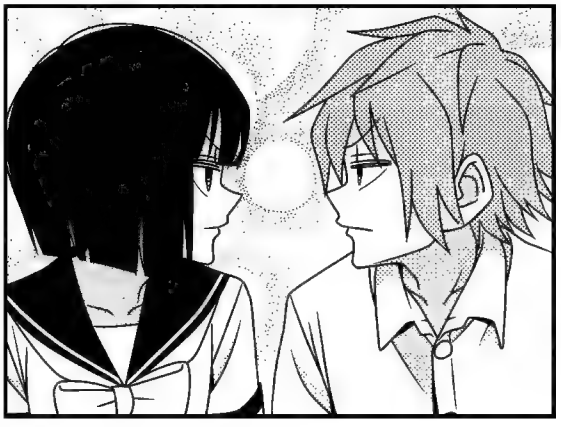
OKAY...
I GUESS WE'RE GOING OUT NOW.
...
SURE.

YEAH, BUT...
I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO TAKE YOU.
HUH?
IT'S NOT LIKE I'LL GO OUT WITH ANY-ONE ELSE, EITHER.




YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.
FINE. WHY DON'T WE GO OUT, THEN?


'AIGHT.
I HAVE TO GET TO WORK.
MMM-HMM.
END



YOSHIHARU SUNAGAWA
SINCE WE'RE GOING OUT, SHOULD WE CALL EACH OTHER BY OUR FIRST NAMES?
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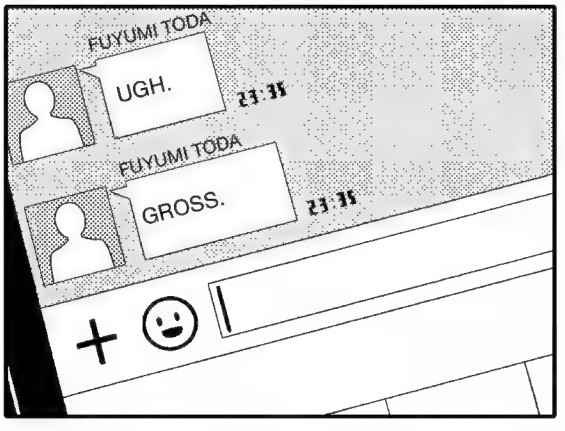
FUYUMI TODA
UGH.
FUYUMI TODA
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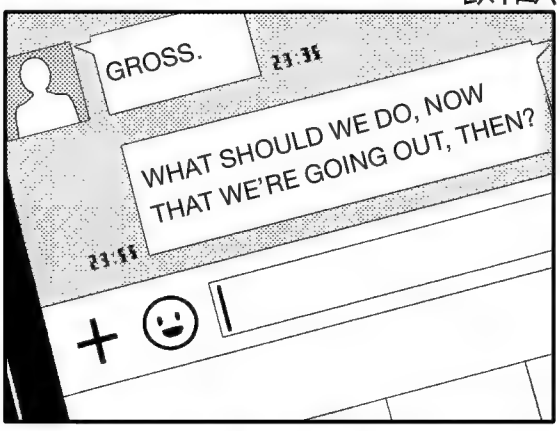
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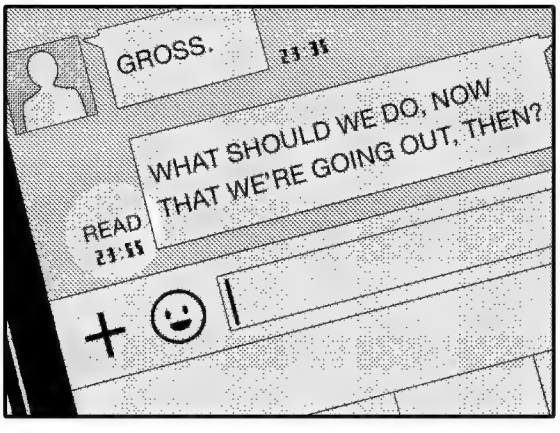
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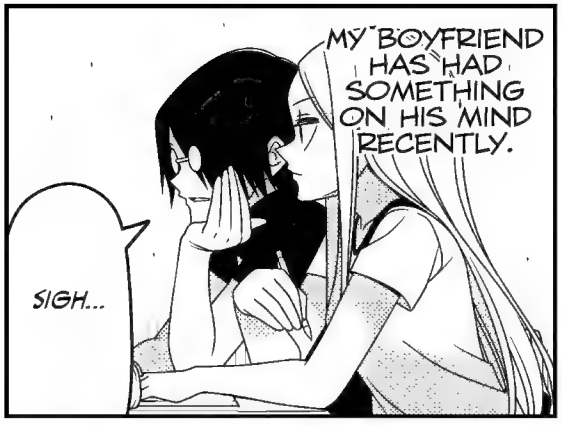
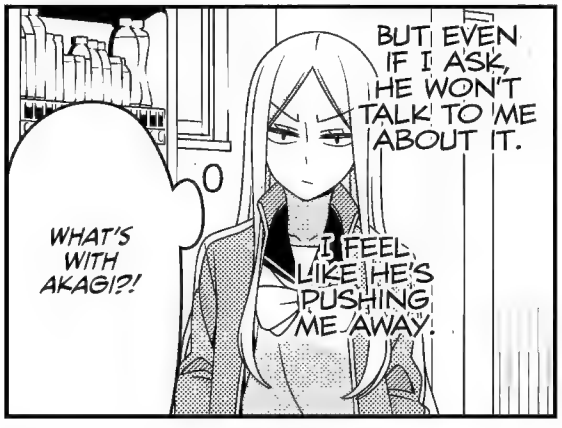
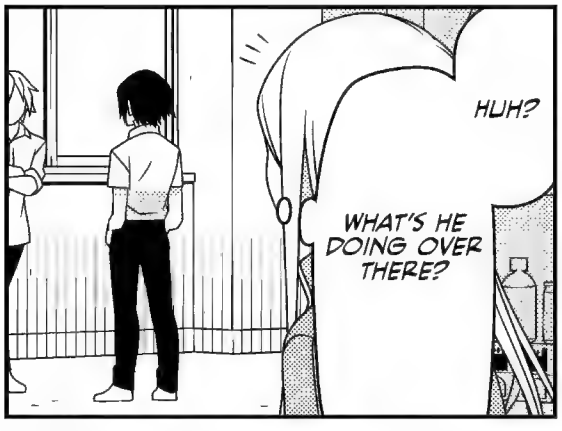
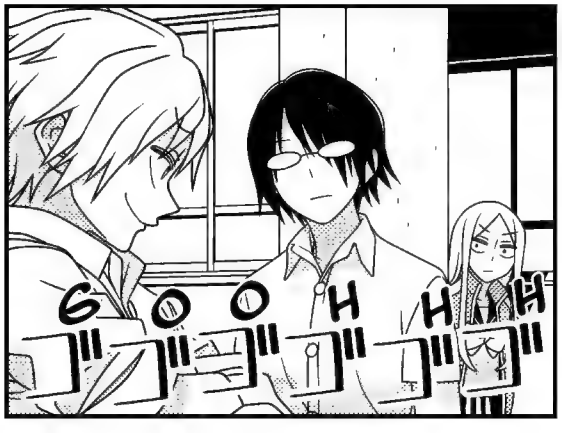
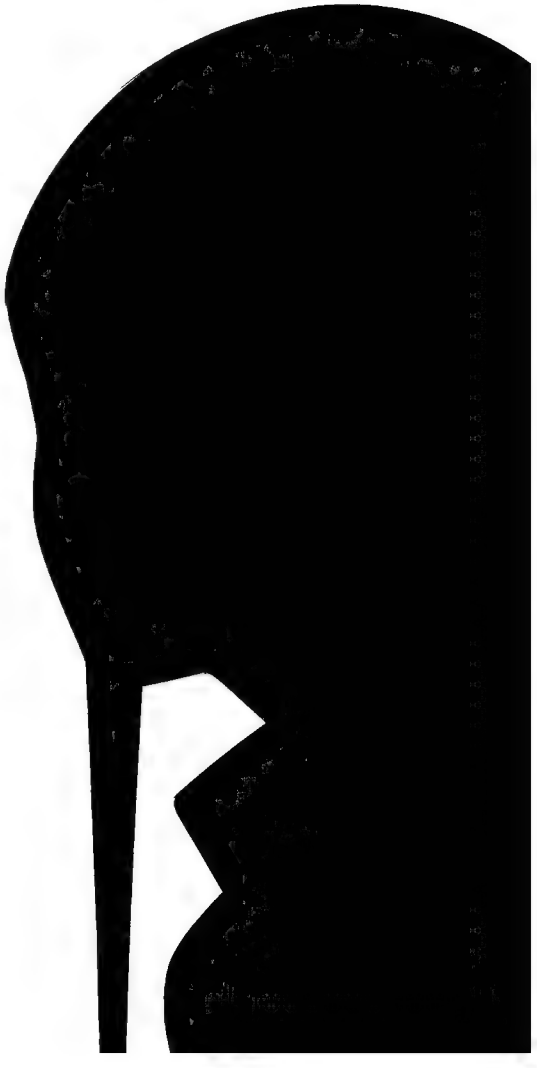
Mushy Talk

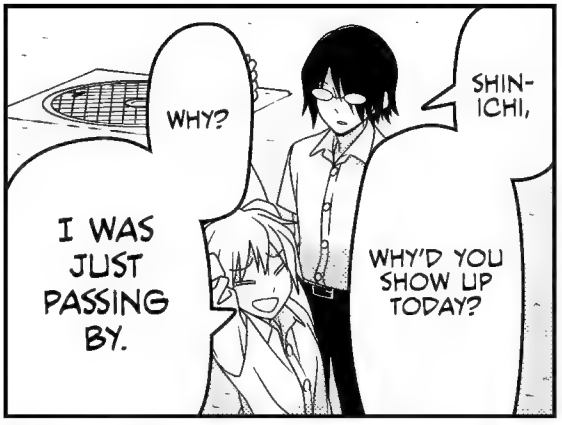

MY BOYFRIEND HAS HAD SOMETHING ON HIS MIND RECENTLY.
SIGH...

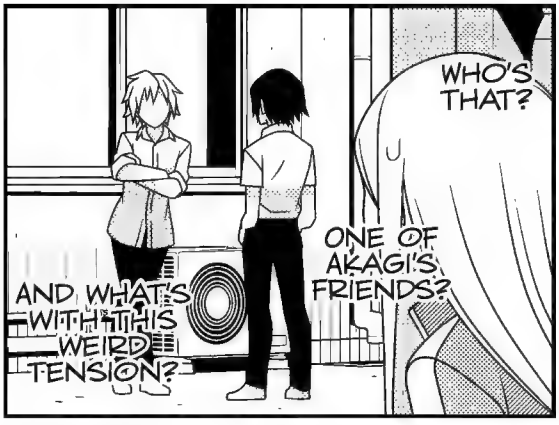

BUT EVEN IF I ASK, HE WON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT IT.
I FEEL LIKE HE'S PUSHING ME AWAY.
WHAT'S WITH AKAGI?!

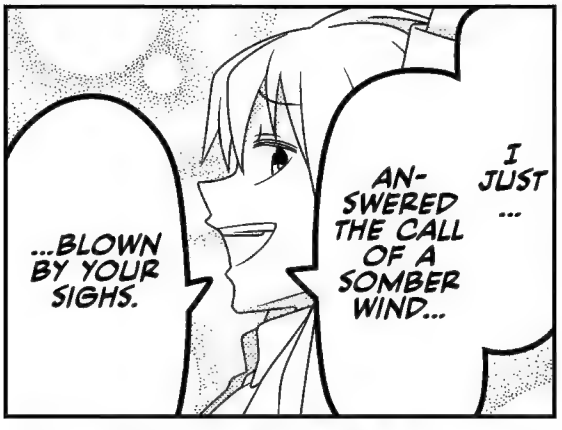

HUH?
WHAT'S HE DOING OVER THERE?

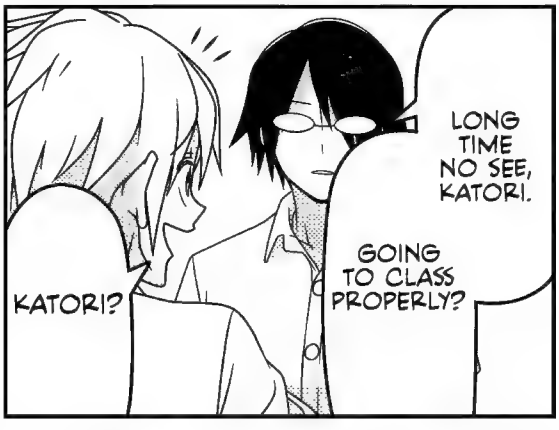

GOOH
HH




SHIN-ICHI,
WHY'D YOU SHOW UP TODAY?
WHY?
I WAS JUST PASSING BY.

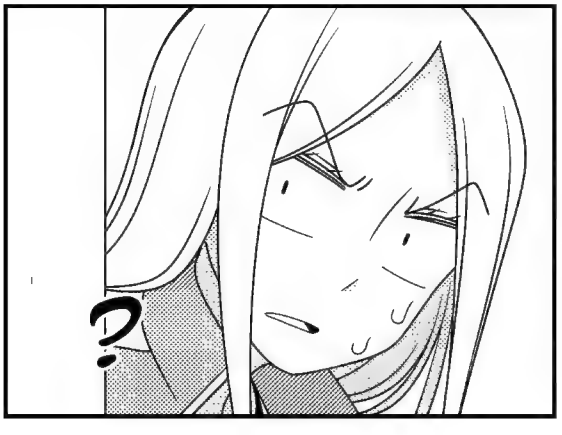

WHO'S THAT?
ONE OF AKAGI'S FRIENDS?
AND WHAT'S WITH THIS WEIRD TENSION?


I JUST ...
AN-SWERED THE CALL OF A SOMBER WIND...
...BLOWN BY YOUR SIGHS.


LONG TIME NO SEE, KATORI.
GOING TO CLASS PROPERLY?
KATORI?

...HEH.
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN.

MA-SA-FU-MI! ☆
DON'T BE SUCH A STRANG-ER!
CALL ME SHIN-ICHI!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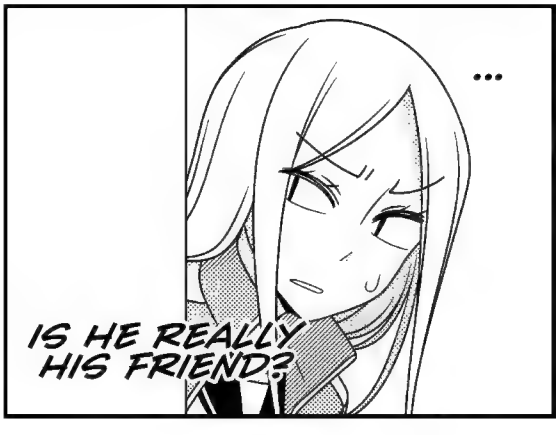
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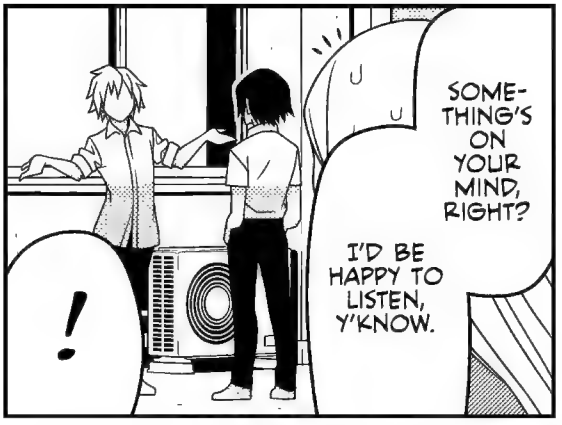
IS HE REALLY HIS FRIEND?

THAT'S WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU?
IS YOUR FRIEND-GIRL REALLY THAT CUTE?
YEAH...


SOMETHING'S ON YOUR MIND, RIGHT?
I'D BE HAPPY TO LISTEN, Y'KNOW.
!

YOU SURE...
YOU WANNA HEAR ME GUSH ABOUT HER?
YOU MIGHT GET BURNED.

THAT WEIRDO...
I DUNNO WHO HE IS, BUT WAY TO GO, DUDE!
MAKE AKAGI SPIT IT OUT!

PHEW~ ♫

MY GIRL-FRIEND...
...IS SO CUTE I CAN'T HAN-DLE IT.

WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!
WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA,

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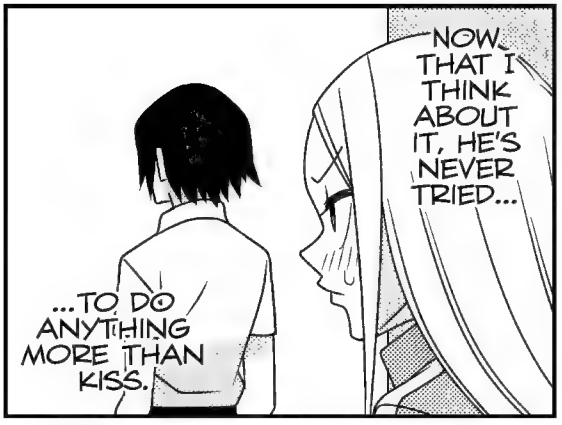
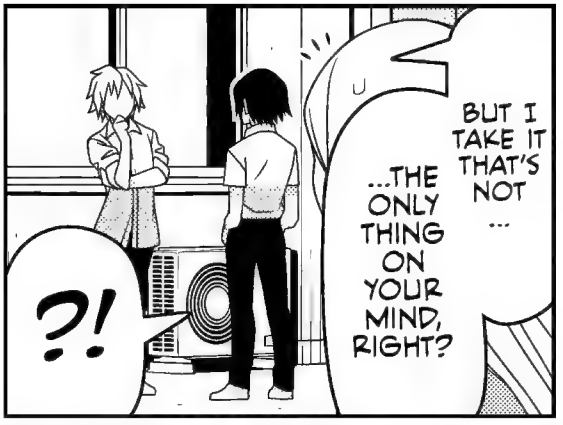

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, HE'S NEVER TRIED...
...TO DO ANYTHING MORE THAN KISS.


BUT I TAKE IT THAT'S NOT ...
...THE ONLY THING ON YOUR MIND, RIGHT?
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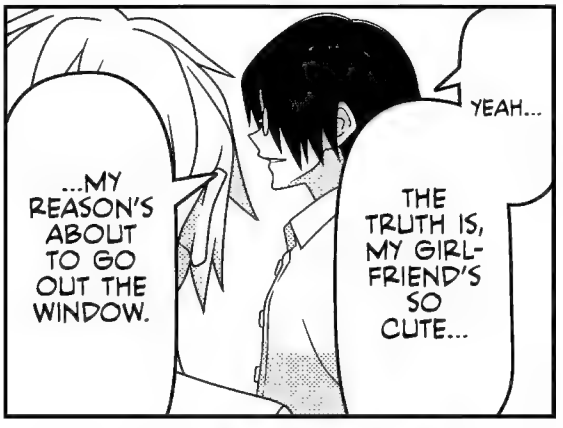
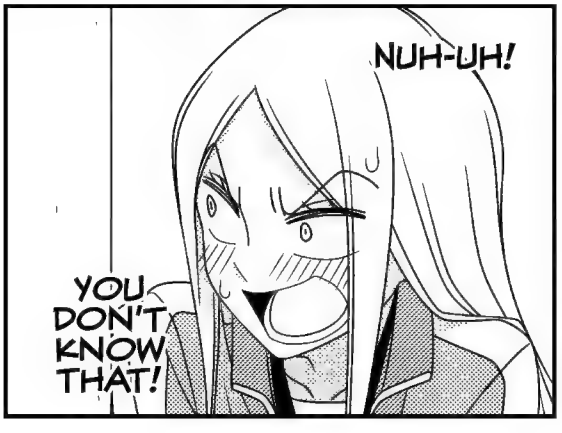
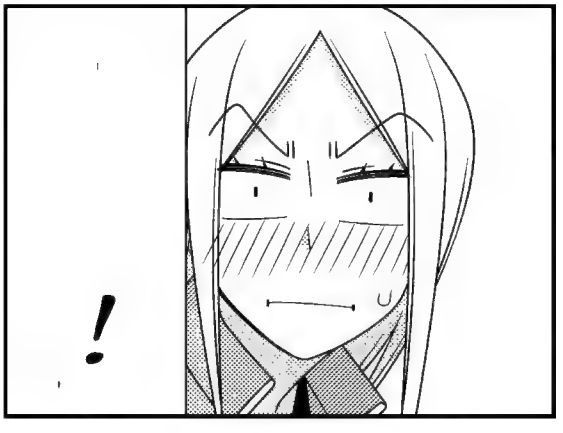
HMM?
IF YOU'RE DATING...
...THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST PUSH HER DOWN?


YEAH...
THE TRUTH IS, MY GIRL-FRIEND'S SO CUTE...
...MY REASON'S ABOUT TO GO OUT THE WINDOW.

TRUE...
I'M SURE SHE'D...
...BE WELCOME TO THE IDEA, TOO.

I JUST WANT...
...TO PUSH HER DOWN, RIGHT NOW.


NUH-UH!
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT!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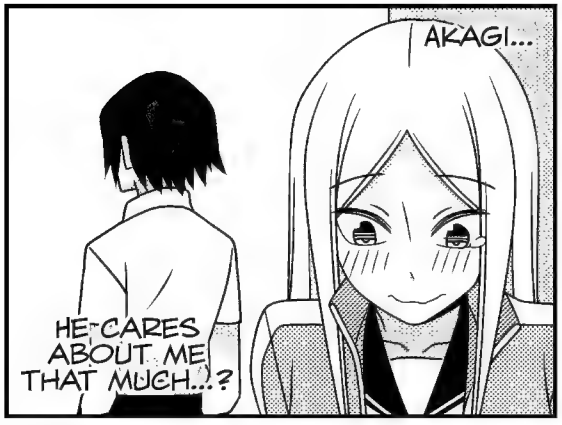
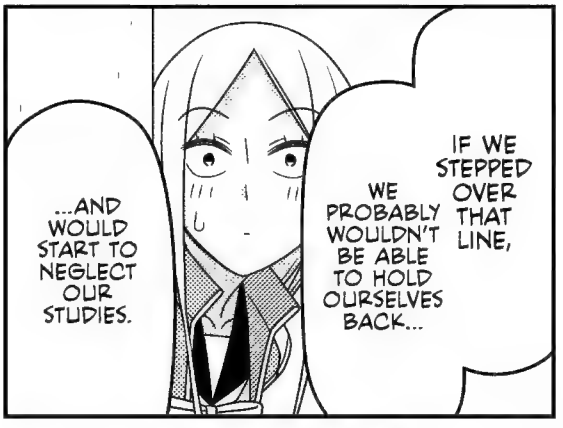
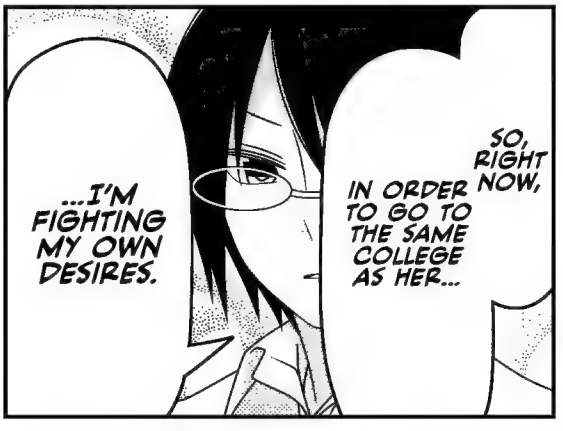

AKAGI...
HE CARES ABOUT ME THAT MUCH...?

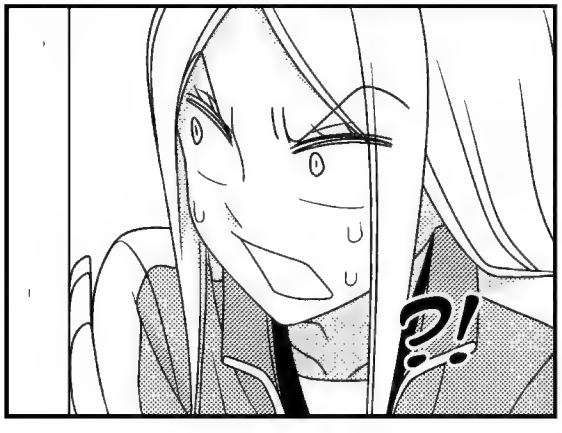
BUT WE HAVE ENTRANCE EXAMS THIS YEAR.
MY GIRL-FRIEND IS BAD AT STUDYING...
...SO I TUTOR HER EVERY DAY.

I SEE...
THAT WAS SOME TOP-QUALITY GUSHING.
HMPH.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO GUSH, THOUGH.


IF WE STEPPED OVER THAT LINE,
WE PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HOLD OURSELVES BACK...
...AND WOULD START TO NEGLECT OUR STUDIES.

BUT IF IT'S BOTHER-ING YOU THAT MUCH...
...THEN WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO JUST GO FOR IT?!


SO, RIGHT NOW,
IN ORDER TO GO TO THE SAME COLLEGE AS HER...
...I'M FIGHTING MY OWN DESIRES.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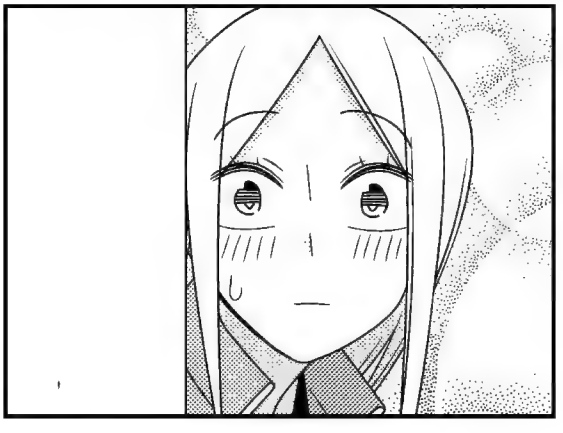
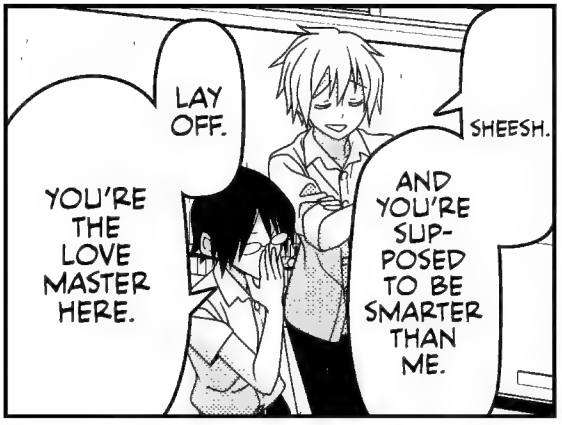
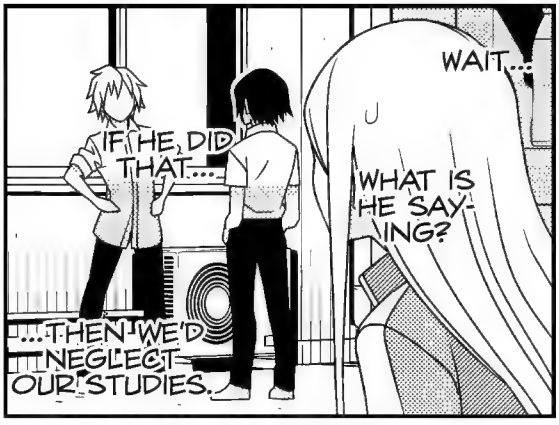
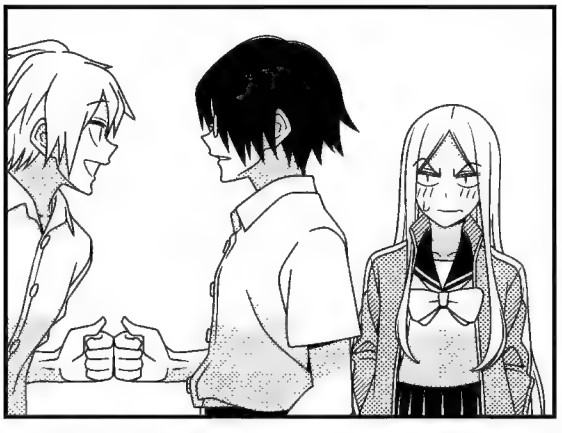



LAY OFF.
SHEESH.
YOU'RE THE LOVE MASTER HERE.
AND YOU'RE SUP-POSED TO BE SMARTER THAN ME.

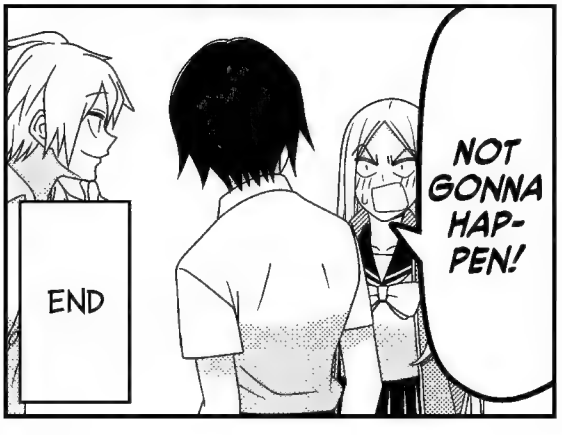

WAIT...
IF HE DID THAT...
WHAT IS HE SAY-ING?
...THEN WE'D NEGLECT OUR STUDIES.

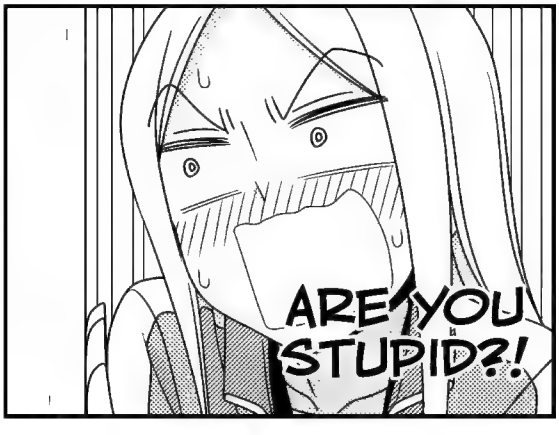
RIGHT ON.
I'LL GIVE IT A SHOT TONIGHT.
GOOD LUCK!
BAP

I MEAN, EVEN IF YOU SLACK OFF A LITTLE,
IF YOU GET SERIOUS ...
...YOU COULD EASILY GET HER INTO COLLEGE, RIGHT?



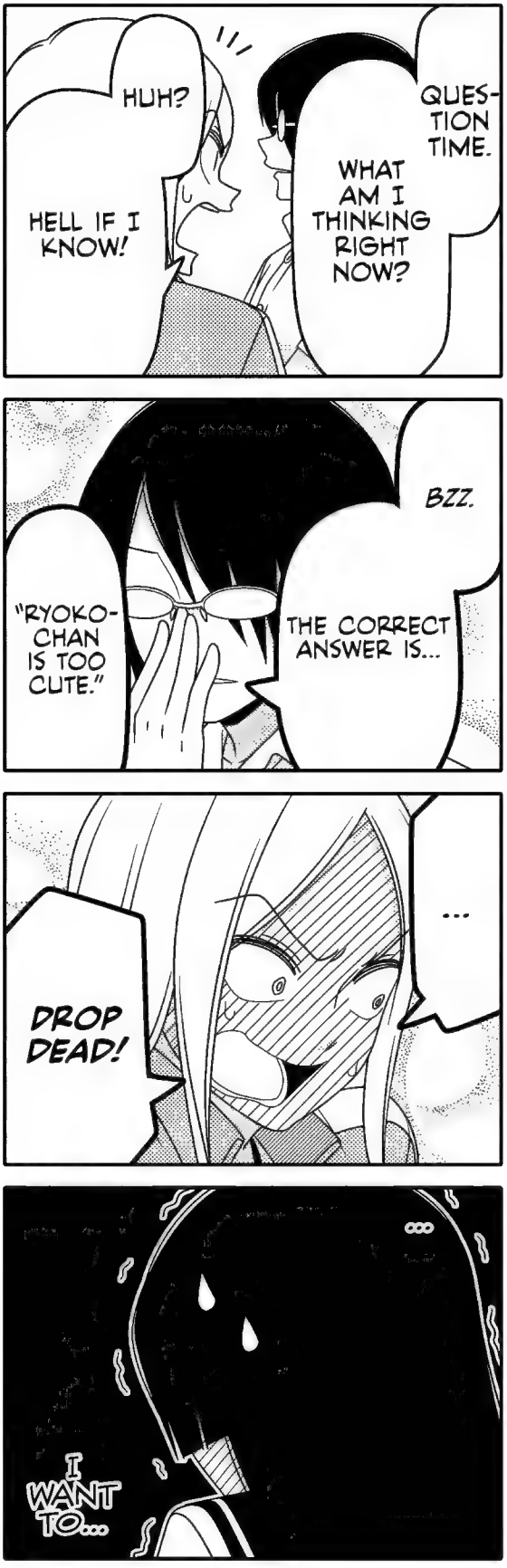
...
GOOD POINT.


NOT GONNA HAP-PEN!
END

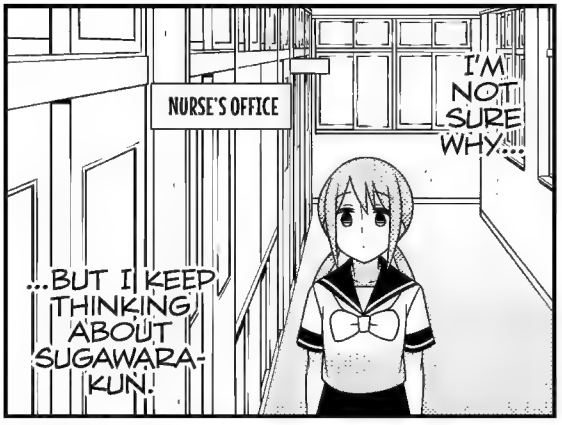

ARE YOU STUPID?!

EXTRA

TSURE×DURE CHILDREN

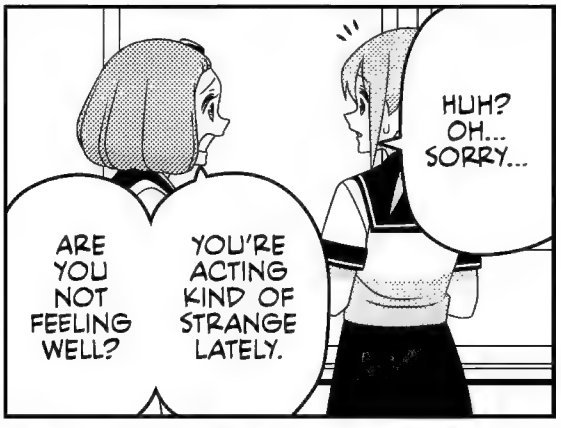

HUH?
HELL IF I KNOW!
QUES-TION TIME.
WHAT AM I THINKING RIGHT NOW?
BZZ.
"RYOKO-CHAN IS TOO CUTE."
THE CORRECT ANSWER IS...
...
DROP DEAD!
...
I WANT TO...

Chalk it up to Fever


NURSE'S OFFICE
I'M NOT SURE WHY...
...BUT I KEEP THINKING ABOUT SUGAWARA-KUN.

...
DAAAZE
ARE YOU OKAY, CHII-CHAN?

SLIIIDE
THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE.
EXCUSE ME...
IS IT REALLY JUST A COLD?

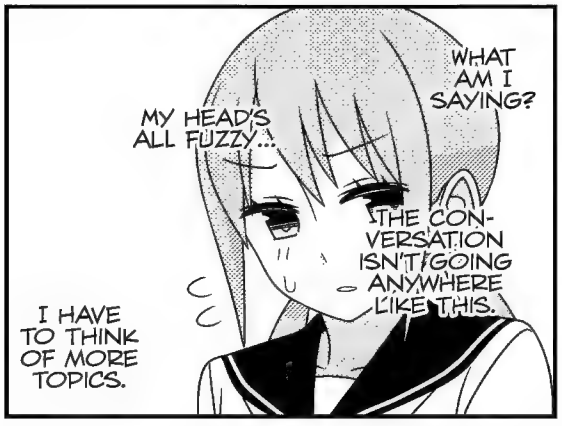

HUH? OH... SORRY...
YOU'RE ACTING KIND OF STRANGE LATELY.
ARE YOU NOT FEELING WELL?

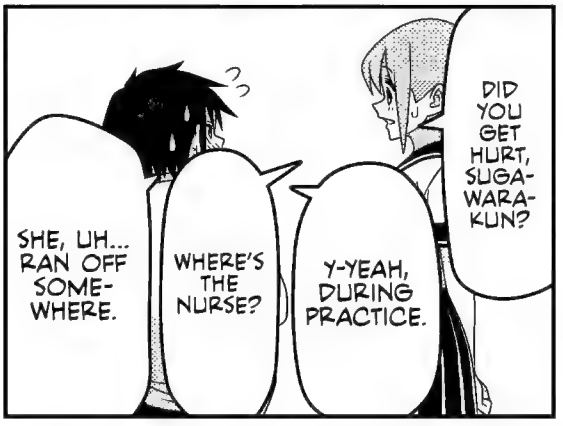
...AH.
MY HEART STARTED POUNDING.
I'M DEFI-NITELY SICK.

YEAH...
I MIGHT HAVE A COLD.

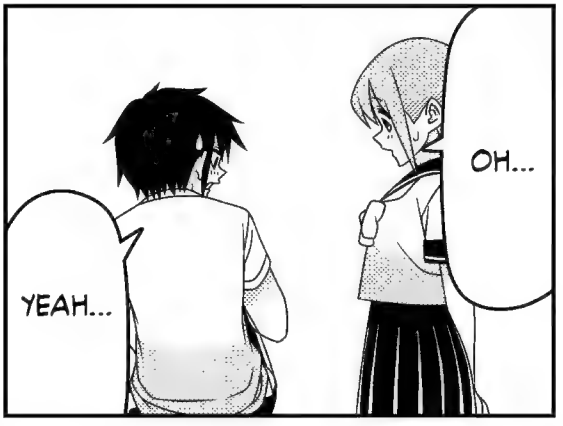
UMM...
IS THE SOCCER CLUB A LOT OF WORK?
HUH? YEAH...I GUESS.

T-TAKANO...
WHAT'S UP?
O-OH...
I THINK I MIGHT HAVE A FEVER...


WHAT AM I SAYING?
MY HEAD'S ALL FUZZY...
THE CONVERSATION ISN'T GOING ANYWHERE LIKE THIS.
I HAVE TO THINK OF MORE TOPICS.


DID YOU GET HURT, SUGAWARA-KUN?
Y-YEAH, DURING PRACTICE.
WHERE'S THE NURSE?
SHE, UH... RAN OFF SOMEWHERE.

HEY, TAKANO?
DIDN'T YOU COME TO GET YOUR TEMPERATURE CHECKED?


OH...
YEAH...

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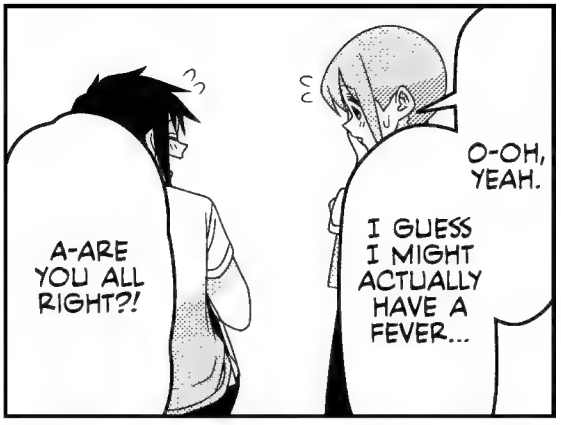
...
...

...HUH?
AH, NO!
I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE THER-MOME-TER IS!


O-OH, YEAH.
I GUESS I MIGHT ACTUALLY HAVE A FEVER...
A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

O-OHH!
JEEZ. DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT.
S-SORRY...

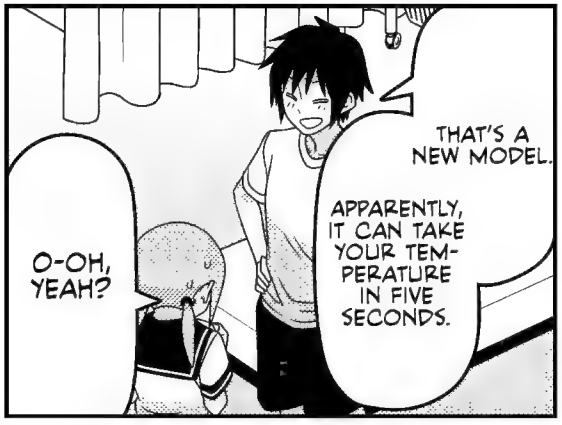
AH...
WELL,
I SHOULD GET BACK TO PRACTICE.
WAIT!

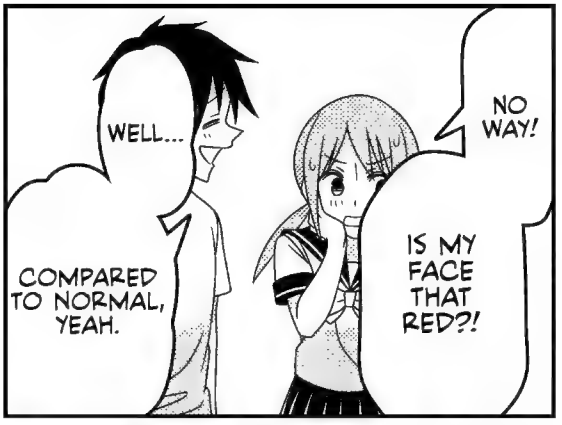
YOU MADE MY HEART JUMP...
...SAYING THAT WITH YOUR FACE ALL FLUSHED.

HUH...?
WHAT?

BADUM

...
I DON'T KNOW.


THAT'S A NEW MODEL.
APPARENTLY, IT CAN TAKE YOUR TEMPERATURE IN FIVE SECONDS.
O-OH, YEAH?


NO WAY!
IS MY FACE THAT RED?!
WELL...
COMPARED TO NORMAL, YEAH.

LET'S HOPE...
YOU DON'T HAVE A FEVER, HUH?
...YEAH.

ER, BUT...
I DIDN'T MEAN...
DON'T WORRY, I UNDERSTAND!

BUT...
...WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE ONE?

I KNOW YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED...
...IN LOVE AND STUFF.

IF I DON'T HAVE A FEVER...
...THEN WHAT IS THIS?

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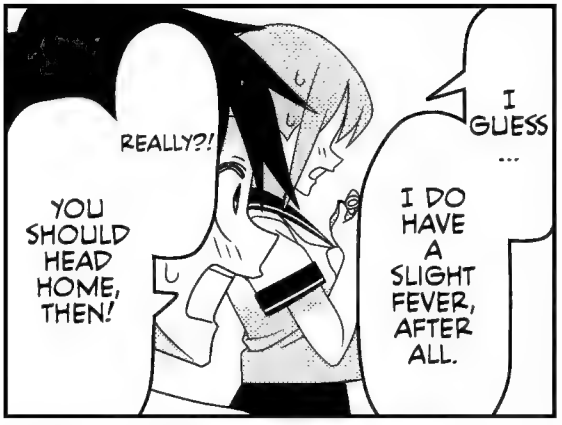

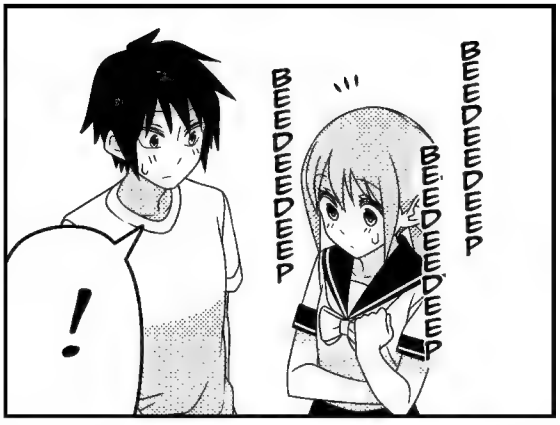

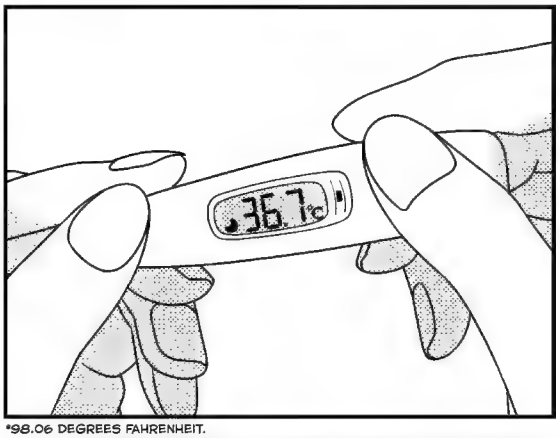

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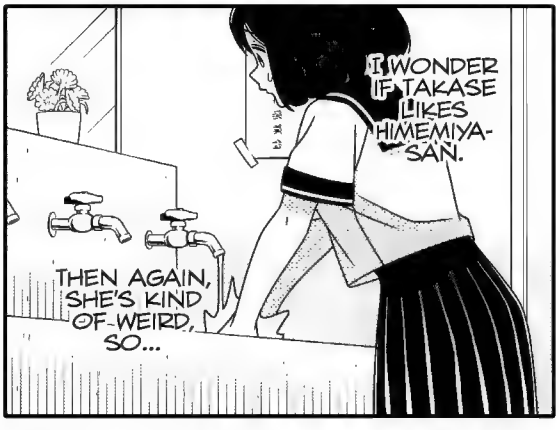
T S u r e × D u r e

C H I L D R E N

OH!
KANDA-SAN!
OH...
HEY, HIME-MIYA-SAN!

HIMEMIYA-SAN FROM CLASS 7...
...IS PRETTY CLOSE WITH THE BOY I LIKE.

CLASS 1 HAS KIRIHARA-SENSEI FOR ENGLISH, RIGHT?
DID YOU DO YOUR HOME-WORK?
NO, NOT YET...


I WONDER IF TAKASE LIKES HIMEMIYA-SAN.
THEN AGAIN, SHE'S KIND OF WEIRD, SO...

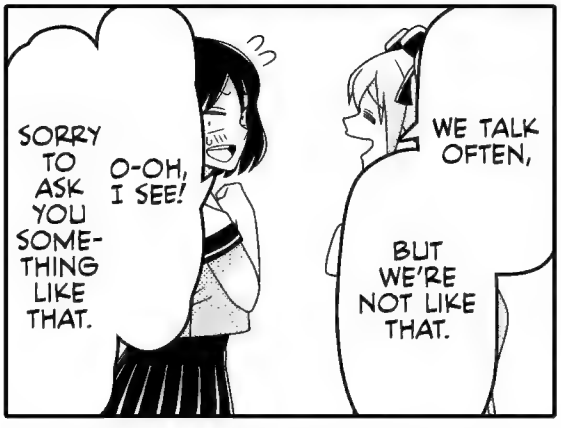
I STILL NEED TO DO IT, TOO!
WELL, SEE YOU!

WAIT.
I CAN'T JUST BADMOUTH PEOPLE LIKE THAT!
I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M MS. PERFECT, EITHER...

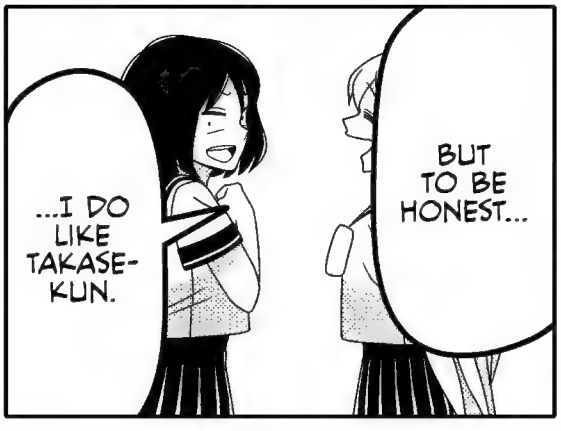
HIME-MIYA-SAN!
ARE YOU AND TAKASE GOING OUT?!

UMM... WELL...
WHY DO YOU ASK?
DO WE SEEM CLOSE OR SOME-THING?

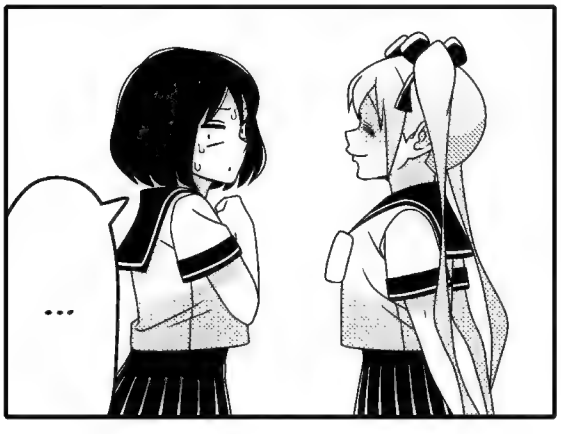
OH... S-SORRY...
HUH?
WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?


SORRY TO ASK YOU SOME-THING LIKE THAT.
O-OH, I SEE!
WE TALK OFTEN,
BUT WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT.

I MUST SEEM LIKE A TOTAL SPAZ...
NO KIDDING!
WHY DID I ASK HER THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?!


...I DO LIKE TAKASE-KUN.
BUT TO BE HONEST...

...AREN'T GOING OUT.
TAKASE-KUN AND I...


...

!

NO RUNNING THE HALLWAY.
A-AT ANY RATE... WHY DON'T YOU HURRY UP AND CONFESS?
HE'LL DEFINITELY SAY YES!

PFFF
DO HO
PFF PFF
HMM.
SO, HE'S THE BOY YOU LIKE, CHIYO-CHAN?
YAMANE-KUN, HUH?
HE'S CRACKING UP...

I DUN-NO...
YAMANE-SAN SEEMS PRETTY POPULAR ...

HE DOESN'T LOOK VERY DEPEND-ABLE,
BUT HE SAVED YOU FROM A MOLESTER, RIGHT?
WOW.
A-AR-EN'T YOU DONE, YET?! HE'S GONNA SEE US!
REALLY!

PFF PFFFF
I
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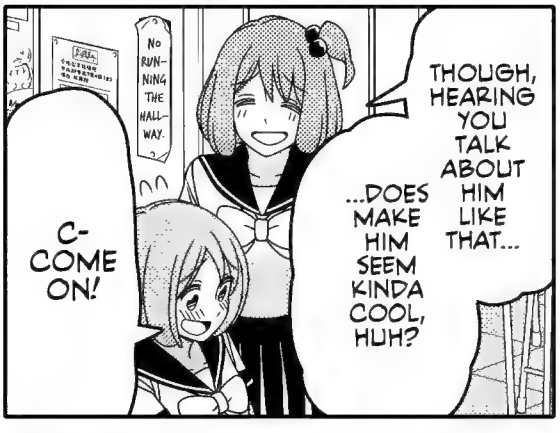
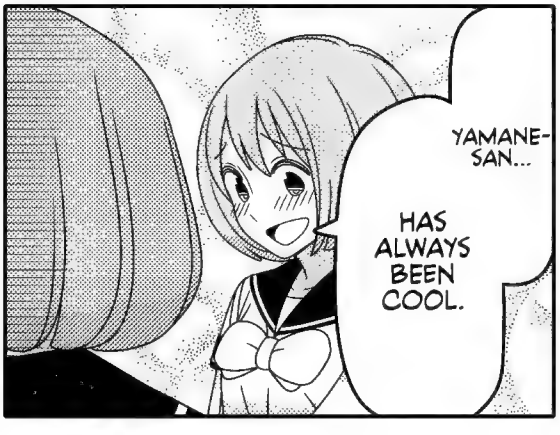
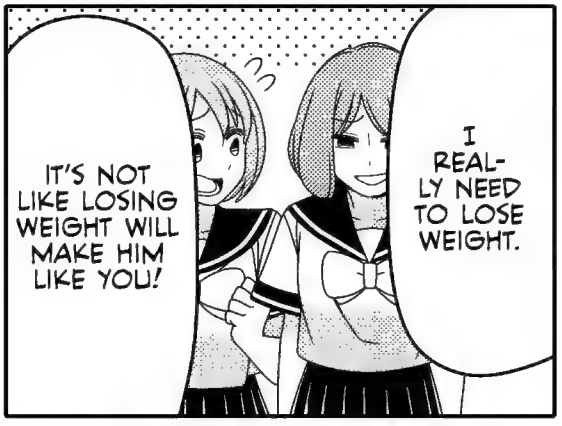

NO RUNNING THE HALLWAY.
THOUGH, HEARING YOU TALK ABOUT HIM LIKE THAT...
...DOES MAKE HIM SEEM KINDA COOL, HUH?
C-COME ON!

...
UHH...

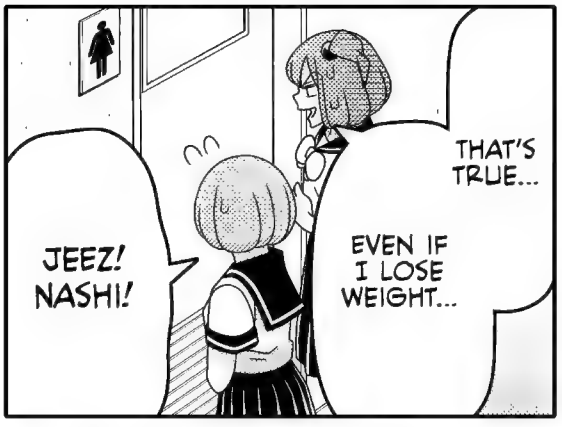

YAMANE-SAN...
HAS ALWAYS BEEN COOL.

SPEAKING OF WHICH, NASHI.
YOU'RE CLOSE WITH SONOBE-KUN, AREN'T YOU?
YEAH, BUT...
HE DOESN'T LIKE ME THAT WAY.

D-DON'T WORRY!
YOU'RE REALLY SLENDER AND CUTE, CHIYO-CHAN!
JEEZ!
BEING SLENDER HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!


I REALLY NEED TO LOSE WEIGHT.
IT'S NOT LIKE LOSING WEIGHT WILL MAKE HIM LIKE YOU!

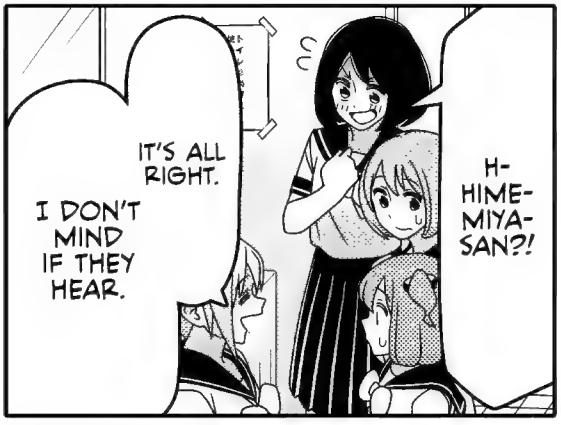
AND YOU'RE NOT FAT OR ANYTHING, NASHI!
YOU'RE PLENTY CUTE ALREADY!
HUH?!

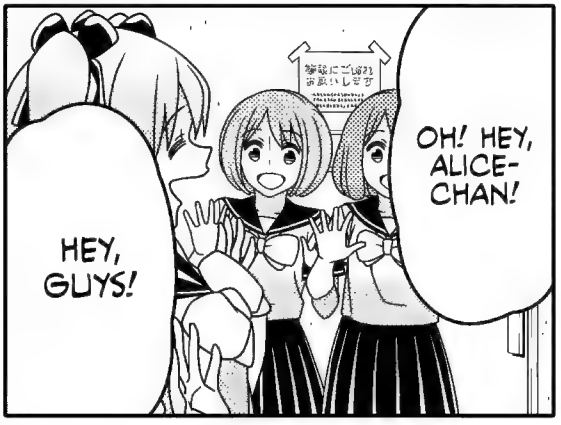

THAT'S TRUE...
EVEN IF I LOSE WEIGHT...
JEEZ! NASHI!

I GUARANTEE IT...
...SO BE MORE CONFIDENT!

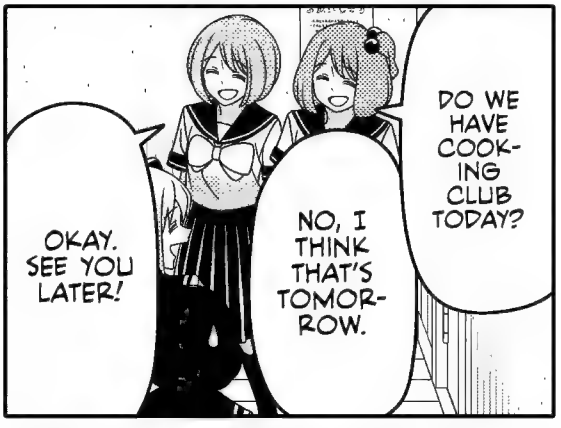
CLACK

MMM...
I DUNNO IF I TRUST CHIYO-CHAN'S JUDGEMENT...


H-HIME-MIYA-SAN?!
IT'S ALL RIGHT. I DON'T MIND IF THEY HEAR.

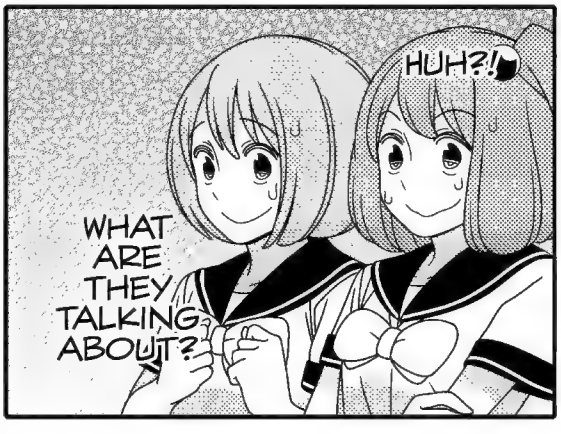

OH! HEY, ALICE-CHAN!
HEY, GUYS!

BUT IF YOU WANT...
...WE CAN JUST DROP IT, KANDA-SAN.


DO WE HAVE COOK-ING CLUB TODAY?
NO, I THINK THAT'S TOMOR-ROW.
OKAY. SEE YOU LATER!

...
NO, LET'S CONTINUE.

BYE, KANDA-SAN.
SEE YA...


HUH?!
WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

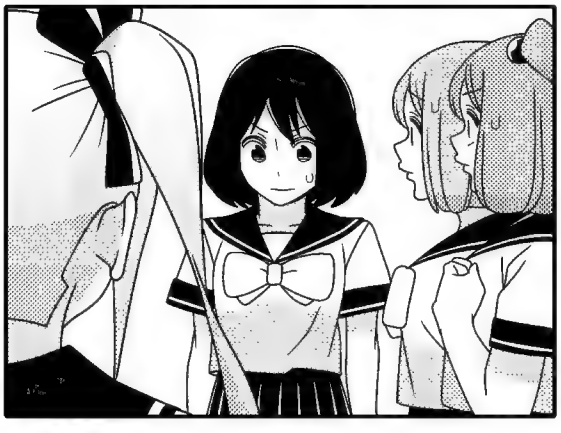
SO, AS I WAS SAYING.
I DO LIKE HIM.

AND HOW SERI-OUS ...
...WOULD YOU SAY YOU ARE?
HUH?

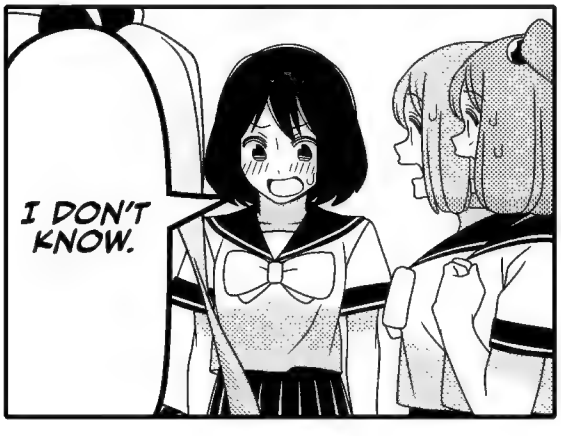
YOU LIKE HIM, TOO, DON'T YOU, KANDA-SAN?

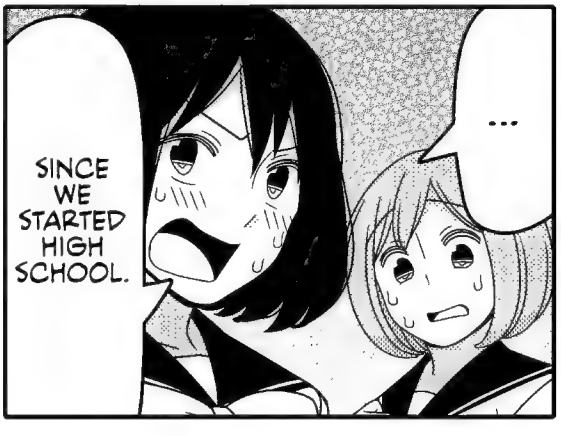
ARE YOU SURE... ...IT'S NOT JUST SOME-THING LIKE...
...YOU WANT A BOYFRIEND SINCE YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL?

...
THAT'S RIGHT.



SINCE WHEN? I'VE LIKED HIM SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.


I DON'T KNOW.


...
SINCE WE STARTED HIGH SCHOOL.

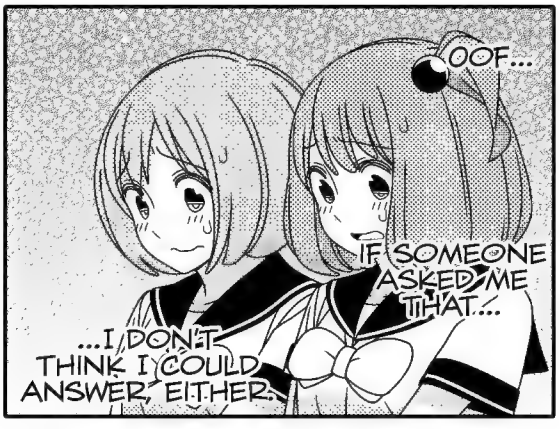
I DON'T THINK THE WAY I FEEL NOW HAS TO MEAN EVERY-THING.
...UNTIL YOU START DATING SOME-ONE.
THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW ...

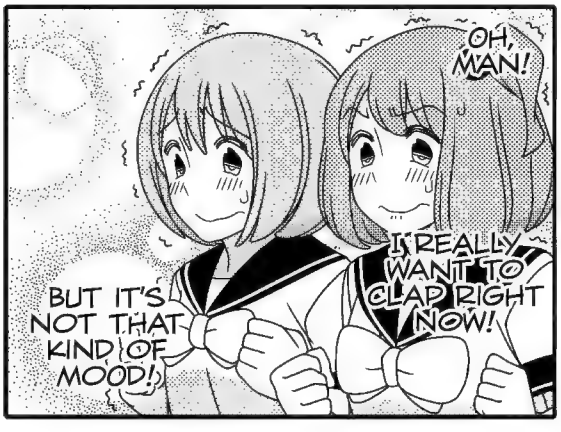
WELL, AS FOR ME.
I WOULD DIE FOR HIM, YOU KNOW.
!
JOLT

...I CAN GROW TO LIKE HIM EVEN MORE FROM NOW ON!
I'M SURE THAT...

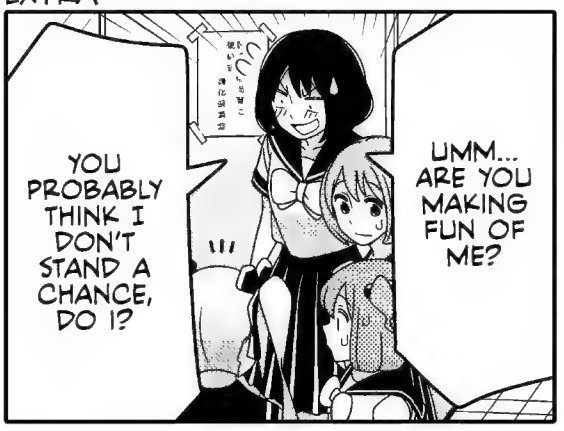
I'M NOT SURE IF I WOULD...
I...

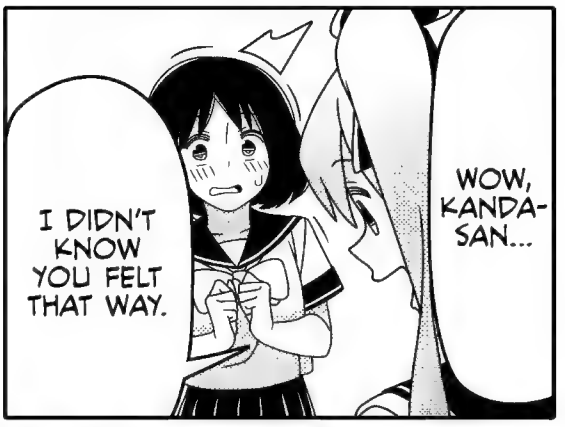
...THROUGH THE GOOD TIMES AND THE BAD!
I WANT TO STAY WITH HIM...
AND...

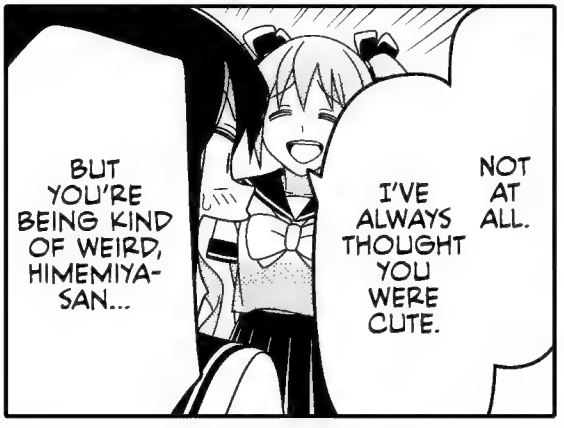

OOF...
IF SOMEONE ASKED ME THAT...
...I DON'T THINK I COULD ANSWER, EITHER.

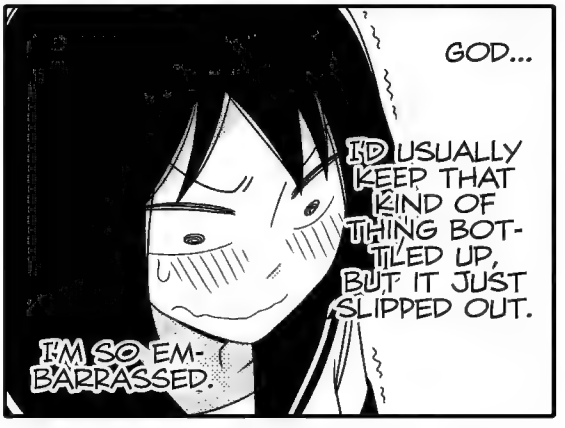

OH, MAN!
I REALLY WANT TO CLAP RIGHT NOW!
BUT IT'S NOT THAT KIND OF MOOD.

BUT...
IS THAT REALLY WHAT IT MEANS...
...TO LIKE SOMEONE?


UMM... ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME?
YOU PROBABLY THINK I DON'T STAND A CHANCE, DO I?

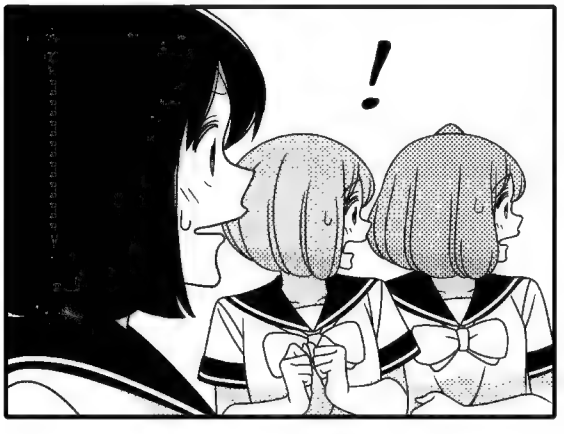

WOW, KANDA-SAN...
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU FELT THAT WAY.


NOT AT ALL.
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE CUTE.
BUT YOU'RE BEING KIND OF WEIRD, HIMEMIYA-SAN...


GOD...
I'D USUALLY KEEP THAT KIND OF THING BOTTLED UP, BUT IT JUST SLIPPED OUT.
I'M SO EMBARRASSED.

BESIDES, I'D NEVER MAKE FUN OF THE GIRL...
...THE BOY I LIKE IS INTERESTED IN.

Y'KNOW, KANDA-SAN.
YOU REALLY ARE ADORABLE!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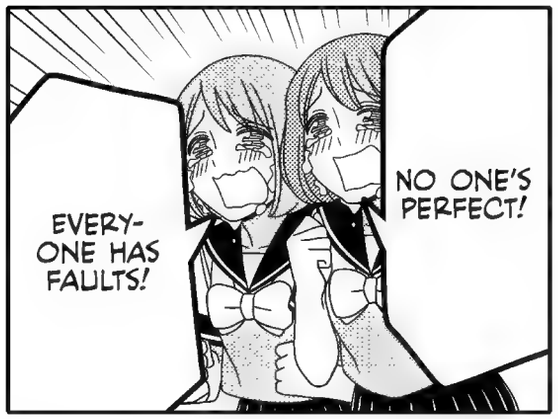
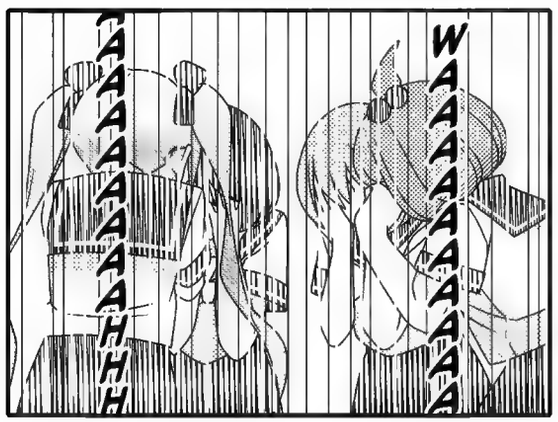
!

...BUT I HAD THE NERVE TO MAKE FUN OF YOU.
IT'S JUST...
I'M FAR FROM PERFECT...

I SAID AWFUL THINGS ABOUT YOU, KANDA-SAN!
OH, STOP!
ME, TOO!


EVERYONE HAS FAULTS!
NO ONE'S PERFECT!


WAAA

Q."WHAT'S YOUR FETISH?"

Saki Kanda
Class 2-1, Soft Tennis Club

Huh?! I dunno. Abs, I guess? (lol)

Haruhiko Takase
Class 2-1, Soccer Club

Legs, I guess. But I'm good with anything sexy! (lol)

Alice Himemiya
Class 2-7, Cooking Club

THE FRAGILE PARTS OF HIM, LIKE HOW YOU CAN KIND OF THE THE VEINS IN HIS WRIST.

Hotaru Furuya
Class 1-3

Fetish? Fet... Ooh! I know! That fancy...

Jun Furuya
Class 2-1, Class Rep, Broadcasting Club

I...don't have one.

Yuki Minagawa
Class 2-1, Class Rep, Soft Tennis Club

←I bet Furuya-kun has a thing for hair.

Reiko Furuya
Housewife

↑ Is this girl gonna be all right...?

Masafumi Akagi
Class 3-8, Student Council President

→

Ryoko Kaji
Class 3-8

←DON'T LOOK AT ME!

Chizuru Takano
Class 2-7, Brass Club

MMM... GOLDFISH, I GUESS?.

Noriko Yoshinaga
Class 2-7, Brass Club

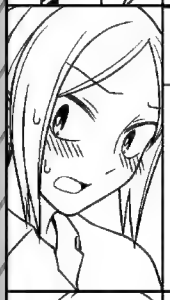
Chii-chan, do you know what fetish means?

Takuro Sugawara
Class 2-4, Soccer Club

←That's hilarious, Takano!

Satsuki Sasahara
Class 3-2, Astronomy Club President

PECS! IT'S ALL ABOUT THOSE PECS! ↓



Yuuki Kaga
Class 1-6, Astronomy Club Vice Presid

←...

Kaoru Nanase
Class 1-9, Astronomy Club

←WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT YOUR OWN CHEST?

Hideki Yukawa
College Student, Astronomy Club Alumnus

↑ YOUR GAZE IS CREEPY.

Haruko Kaga
Housewife

BUTTS, I GUESS! (LOL)

Miyoko Nanase
Housewife

←Kaga-saaan! But I know what you mean! (lol)

Kana Iijima
Class 2-4

I kinda like hairy legs.

Chiaki Uchimura
Class 2-4

← How am I supposed to react to that?!

Patricia Caulifield
Class 2-4, Karate Club

ASIAN GIRLS ARE CUTE.

Kaede Uchimura
College Student

When guys dish out salad at drinking parties.

Keiko Uchimura
Housewife

When you can see the bones on someone's nape.

Keisuke Tsuji
Class 2-4

WESTERN GIRLS ARE CUTE.

Taro Sakamoto
Class 3-2 Homeroom Teacher, Social Studies Teacher

ALL ABOUT THAT ASS, RIGHT KIRIHARA? →

Yoichi Kirihara
Class 2-7 Homeroom Teacher, English Teacher

← Huh?! Wh-why are you asking me?!

Sayaka Chiba
Class 2-7, Library Aide

I LIKE THE ARM TENDONS OF OLDER MEN.

Ayaka Kamine
Class 2-4, Tea Ceremony Club

...Smell.

Takeru Goda
Class 2-4, Volleyball Club

← Is this why she always clings to me?!

Erika Shibasaki
Class 3-8, Tea Ceremony Club President

I...I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T CARE FOR THOSE SORT OF THINGS...

Shinji Ubukata
Class 3-2, Light Music Club President

Shibasaki's fetish? Dongs, probably.

Satoshi Uehara
Class 3-2, Light Music Club Vice President

Shibasaki-san is definately a masochist.

Junpei Hattori
Class 3-2, Light Music Club

Shibasaki-san might not look like it, but I bet she's a huge perv.

Miss Wabisabi
Class ?-?, Light Music Club

↑ WHY MINE...? I MEAN, IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME! NOTHING AT ALL!

Kyoko Sano
Class 3-8, Tea Ceremony Club Vice President

IT'S FUN TO MESS WITH ERIKA.

Kotaro Takase
Middle School Second-Year

GIRLS WHO SUCK AT VIDEO GAMES.

Takao Yamane
Class 2-7

Napes.

Chihiro Soma
Class 1-3, Karate Club

Huh?! I...I don't know!

Shinichi Katori
Class 3-5, Drama Club President

I have so many, I can't possibly narrow them down... Eyes like an adorable kitten, to name one.

Ayane Matsura
Class 2-4, Drama Club President

When guys drink straight from the bottle. (lol).

Tomoe Ogi
Class 1-9, Drama Club

People who eat fish clean off the bone.

Fuyumi Toda
Class 2-1

NONE.

Chiyo Kurihara
Class 2-1, Cooking Club

Big, round eyes.

Haruka Saejima
Class 3-5, Karate Club Captain

I guess... Umm... Cute boys...

Kazuko Hosokawa
Class 2-4

← MEOW!

Urara Takahashi
Class 1-3, Drama Club

Umm... Low, booming voices...

Itsuki Kuroda
Class 1-9, Drama Club

Slim Waists.

Yoshiharu Sunagawa
Class 2-1

NONE.

Tomomichi Motoyama
Class 2-7, Karate Club

DON'T HAVE one!

Kazuya Sonobe
Class 2-1, Student Council Secretary, Brass Club

Plump girls.

Yukiri Nashimoto
Class 2-1, Cooking Club

↑ PLUMP? DO I STILL COUNT AS PLUMP?

Nozomi Nakamura
Class 2-7, Drama Club

When guys roll up their sleeves.

TSURE × DURE CHILDREN

SNIFF
SNIFF
...
...
WHAT'S WITH...
...THIS SITUATION?

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